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Murdoch said: "I believe we now have a basis on which to

go forward and ensure the continuance of these newspapers."

From Stephen Taylor
Bulawayo, Zinhabwe, Feb 12
Bulawayo became a war zone
today in what has probably
been the new nation's bloodiest
day since independence.
Mr. Robert Mugabe, the
Prime Minister, ordered the
air force and an army battelion
into action at hundreds of north-west.

some former Ziers guerrillas converged on the city.

It was reported lates, however, that no air strike had been made.

ever, that no air strike had been male. The Zipra troops apparently ser out for Balawago from two directions—one from the Gwairiver, camp to the north and the other from a temporary military camp at the town of Essexvale to the south.

Certainly one and possibly both groups were stopped with heavy casualties. At least 70 are thought to have set out for Bulaways in response, to clashes between former Zipra and Zenla guer rillas that crupted in Ename bare last night.

heavy claskes in November between Zipra elements loyal to Mr. Joshua Nkomo rhe Minito Mr. Joshua Ricond, the Minister without Portiolio, and Zanla guerrillas, who support Mr. Mugahe. Mora than 50 people died in the claskes.

The fighting in Rutumbane last might started at about 9 pm when former Zipra guerrillas were said to have opened fire with heavy weapons including rockets; on a neighbouring tamp in the township housing Zanla men

Zania men.
A company comprising for-mer Rhodesian security troops have been based in the cownship as a peace-keepin force—then came under anac

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and were besiegen until ans morning when their position was relieved.

After the initial clashes at Entumbane a movement of Zipre forces started what Mr Mugabe told Parliament today, had very smister under tones Early today three personne carriers and two other vehicle carriers and two other venicles set out containing Zipra men from a temporary military camp at Essexvale, which is about 40 miles south of Bulawayo. When only five miles south of the city, they ran into the former Rhodesian unit which opened fire with rockets.

rival troops clash hundreds of men, set out in 13 vehicles from their Gwal camp, about 150 miles to the

army vehicles and it appeared that the Air Force had not gone ahead with the air strike. The armed convoy was later reported to have turned back to Gwai river and the planned air strike had been talled off. A conservative death toll from the violence is 70. Vehicles bringing bodies to a local hospital were being turned away and emergency arrangements. Bulawayo was a ghoot rown. Bulawayo was a ghost rown today. Residents responded to a government call broadcast on

Coronet and gate for police siege tie motif

A special tie design produced by London policemen to mark their involvement in the College of Arms. Ties to mark special, long or difficult cases are not unusual but few if any: of the previous designs have reached the noble corridors of the college.

Mr Mingabe decided to send in the Airforce Meanwhile, fighting raged on at Entumbante. Members of 1—1. Battalion, wearing their old Rhedesian insignia, entirtled the township, blocking the roads with military rehicles and poured mottar fire into what they believed to be Zipra positions.

Zanka elements had taken to the surrounding bush at about noon. During a luft in the fighting, inclinate streamed out of Eomsobane corrying a few easily packed possessions.

One man said be was leaving because he believed that the fighting would start again to night.

A white captain of 1—1 Battalion, leaning on his rifle, said he and his men were attempting to ensure that no Zipra men escaped the cardon.

It is quiet now, but the fighting could start again at any time, the raptain said. About 200 men of the former secarity force battalion, which spatcally seems to be the unit that Mr Mugabe feels he can most trust, were deployed inside Ennance and the siege, was how to sum up the embassy in the Frinces.

Although Mr Mugabe told.

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But the coroner is no common

government call broadcist on radio to stay at home and not use telephones. Shops were closed and streets were deserted.

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Pact with unions clears the way for completion of 'Times' purchase

Mr Rupert Murdoch yesterday completed negotiations with the unions on operating arrangements on "The Times". "The Sunday Times" and the three supplements, and his purchase of Times Newspapers Ltd is expected to be

Mr Murdoch sees basis to ensure

the future of group By Paul Routledge and chase of Times Newspapers Ltd is expected to be completed today after the conclusion of agreements with the newspaper

unions on operating arrange-ments for the live titles. A formal announcement to that effect was made last night at the end of three weeks ofhard bargaining that yielded a reduction of 563 full-time jobs nd an additional 100 shifts in a demanning exercise designed to put the company on to a

sound financial footing.

The last hurdle to be cleared was the future production of the educational, higher education and literary supplements.
They will be printed outside
London, and six companies have
been invited to tender for the

Mr Murdoch announced the successful conclusion to his negotiations with the unions at a brief but hectic press conference in the Times Newspapers' board room in New Printing House Square. He said: "I believe we now have a basis on which to go forward and ensure the continuance of these newspapers". Paying tribute to the role played by The Times, The Sunday Times and the supplements, he added: "We expect to make them greater and better papers in the

Both sides made concessions in the talks, conducted against a three-week deadline set by the outgoing owners, Thomson British Holdings, Detailed agreement has yet to be reached with the unions on manning in the night machine area, but otherwise the two sides are fully in accord on wages, dis-

A new board for Times Newspapers Ltd has already been chosen. Mr Murdoch is been chosen. Mr Murdoch is chairman, and the managing director from March 1 will be Mr Gerald Long, a chief executive with Reuter's news agency. Mr John Collier and Mr William O'Neill become joint general managers. Mr Michael Ruda is director (advertising) and Mr Kenneth Beattie is director (circulation).

Mr William Ress Mose editor

Mr William Rees-Mogg, editor of The Times, and Mr. Barold Evans, editor of The Sunday Times, remain members of the board. All other existing directors appointed in the Thomson ownership period have resigned

Printing union leaders last night said they were satisfied with the outcome, even though about 20 per cent of the 4,000plus jobs at Times Newspapers were being surrendered under a voluntary redundancy scheme

Mr Leslie Dixon, president of the National Graphical Association, whose members have ac-cepted a shift to electronic photocomposition with more than a 40 per cent job saving, said:
"It has been a hard battle, but it has led to a satisfactory con-clusion. I am confident that the agreement we have made will provide for viable newspapers under the ownership of Mr Murdoch".

The agreement on new printing technology was the same one that had been on offer to the Thomson Organisation. "Murdoch had the common sense to accept it. They did not."

He hoped that the new agree ments would make money for the titles "so that I can come and ask for some more". But in his response to a question about the risk of renewed in-



Mr Rupert Murdoch flanked by Mr William O'Neill (left, holding up the agreements) and Mr John Collier after the successful conclusion of yesterday's negotation

dustrial action in Gray's Iun will close the place down".

A new editor for The Times is to be appointed in about is to be appointed in about three weeks to succeed Mr Rees-Mogg, who had signified his intention to leave. There was a "long list" rather than a short one, Mr Murdoch said. The style of the paper would then be a matter for the new

At a later meeting with fathers of the newspaper union chapels Mr Murdoch said that his News International company was taking over the com-pany after it had made a loss of £15m last year. He declined to say how much he had paid for Times Newspapers, but be revealed today, when legal arrangements for the transfer

Party heals rift: Herr Willy Brandt, chairman of West Germany's Social Democratic

Party (SPD) emphasized: "The party will not split". It stood party will not split". It stood loyally and firmly behind the Government of Herr Helmot Schmidt, the Chancellor, he said

after the party executive had produced a five-point declara-

The finest group of Surrealist paintings ever likely to be sold at one tie will be offered at auction in London ar the end of March, The 28 paintings were

collected by Mr Edward James, the friend and patron of the

Talbot workers

to fight closure

the factory

Workers at the Talbot car plant at Linwood, Scotland, are to mount a campaign to try to reverse the decision to close the factory Page 4

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Surrealists to

be auctioned

He said that people at Times Newspapers had had an unhappy time in recent years because of "the closure and one thing and another". There were bad relations and there were faults on both sides. The staff were "ready for a new change and a new beginning".

The editorial safeguards built into the takeover were referred to by Mr Kenneth Ashron, general secretary of the general secretary of the National Union of Journalists. The union would be watching to ensure that those safeguards

Although no official breakdown of the job losses was given yesterday it has been possible to build up an approximate picture of some departments' share of the cuts. They include unfilled vacancies as well as actual employees who will leave under the voluntary

Jointy with the unions.

In The Times, machine room, which had been one of the main symbling blocks in talks until yesterday, the question whether the number of presses used nightly should be reduced from four to three has been deferred for further discussion. Although NGA negotiators had provisionally accepted the reduction by one press, the Natsopa machine chapel had resisted the move, together with the reduction of up to 21, jobs which it would imply.

NGA composing room staff will be reduced by 186 from 370 to allow for the introduction of new technology under a plan broadly similar to that already agreed with Times Newspapers between the recent negotiations, but during the coming year incompared on page 2. Col. 1

Defeat for

"If no satisfactory respons

workers' unions.

Mr Gormley predicted that if it goes to a strike vote there will be a four-to-one majority for industrial action, adding:

Pithead meetings designed to get strike yores are expected in South Wales on Monday. The National Coal Board yesterday confirmed that local

crisis by conceding more generous cash incentives for pitmen to leave the industry

Commons suspends Mr Paisley Parliamentary Correspondent.— House, Mr. Paisley will remain first question when Mr. Paisley Westminster suspended for five sirring days heaved himself to his feet ask. In a flurry of charge and and will be allowed to resume ing. the Secretary of State

House of Commons for refusing to withdraw a charge implying that Mr Humbbrey Atkins, Sec-retary of Spars for Northern Ireland, was a liar. The motion that Mr Paisley

be suspended from the services of the House was carried with our a division when it was found out a division when it was found that only one MP, a fellow Democratic Unionist, Mr Peter Robinson, had offered himself as a teller for those against the rendyal of the reverend and honourable gentleman.

The Speaker then instructed Mr Paisley to leave the Cham-

Government

was brewing from the moment that he and Mr Robinshi pased themselves into their seats at the start of Northern trained.

tions are not unusual from the member for Antrim, North, and with Mr Gerard Firt, Indepen-dent Socialist MP for Belfast

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desprise the help of the RUC tan out of fuel and had to position of the series and had to return to base and what action was being taken against the officer responsible for the shoot-out.

But not many MPs even Mr.

Paislet, can have expected such rapid developments. Mr Atkins

Full Cabinet economic policy review sought

By Fred Emery A review by the full Cabinet of the Government's economic policy is being sought in the four weeks remaining before the Budget by some of the ministers who are becoming most

restive over the worsening effects of the recession. That was learnt yesterday as reaction was formed in Whitereaction was tormed in White-hall and Westminster to the speech by Mr Francis Pym, Leader of the Commons, on Wednesday, admitting that worsening circumstances were forcing the Government into adjustments of tactics and

Such a Cabinet meeting would be highly unusual and it is not clear whether the Prime Minister would agree to it. The Cabinet has discussed the broad implications of economic policy on only two or three occasions in its two years of office. The period before the Budget is traditionally seen by Corservatives as the preserve of the Chancellor of the Ex-

hequer. The main concern of ministers who are not making the Gov-ernment's central economic decisions is that the Chancellor must do as much as possible for industry and employment in

the Budget.

It only partially came through in Mr Pym's speech, but there is pressure growing for giving industry relief on energy prices and especially on lower interest

rates.
The concern has sharpened because, as Mr Pym hinted in his speech, the recession is such that many ministers do not believe that the economy can recover much this year; a couple even doubt severely whether there will much respite in 1982 either.

in 1982 either.
Sir Geoffrey Howe's original phirase last November that the recession was "bottoming out" subsequently adopted by Mrs Thatcher and Mr John Nott, then Secretary of State for Trade, is now seen as prema-

trice by many ministers.

i Mr. Pym said nothing of it.

The auxiety that it may now rebound on those in the Government who said so is evident.

Mr. Michael Foot, Leader of Cathe Opposition, tackled Mrs.

In Thatcher on Mr. Pym's speech ar yesterday, but the Prime Minisin it supporting her strategy, saying there Plant of the state of the state

The Labour leader, while welise The Labour leader, while wel-leacoming the Government's new localingness to help industry to Presurvive, would maintain that between a government doing so weighth conviction and one being

EEC urged to stop all steel aid

Britain will propose a strict timetable for the elimination of state subsidies to the European industry at a minister meeting in Brussels next month. Ministers are seeking the removal of all operating sub-sidies by the end of 1984. The Government will argue that its nlans for the United Kingdom steel industry, both public and private, are in line with EEC Commission objectives. Whiteposals will commend them-selves to the Boan Government and Germany's steel industry in

Poles asked for rest from strikes The new Polish Prime Minister has asked Solidarity, the indep-

endant trade union grouping for a three-month respite from strikes. He said the Govern-ment would use the time to engage in the broadest possible dialogue and would set up a permanent commission to hold talks with the union. Page 8

Corsica blasted by bomb attacks

Forty-six bomb blasts erupted across Corsica after a Paris court sentenced a group of militants to prison sentences. No one was hurt in the explosions but extensive damage was caused to public buildings. was caused to public buildings, shops, and the property of people from the French mainland Page 6

Greek royalists welcome King

King Constantine returned Greece for the first time in 13 years to attend the funeral of Enthusiastic royalists seized the Enthusiastic royalists seased me coffin during the burial service and carried the former King on their shoulders chanting antigovernment slogans

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Unofficial action likely in militant coalfields

coalfields next week as the miners square up for a full-scale conflict with the Govern-ment over pit closures. Serious emerged.

In an imprecedented show of unity, the executive of the National Union of Mineworkers grant huge subsidies in talks.

over the next few days.

Shortly after that decision was taken, more than 500 pirmen attending a rally in Euston,
London, were told by Mr Arthur Scargill, left-wing leader of the Scargil, left-wing leader of the Yorkshire miners, that a strike against the coal board plan to axe up to 30,000 jobs could "bring about the conditions for an early general election and get rid of this Tory Government once and for all".

His point was taken up by Mr Michael McGabey, Commu-nist leader of the Scottish miners, who said: "I want the Tories to be the anvil and L will be a good blacksmith. He asked union activists to go out and forge local links with steelworkers and railwaymen to make a disruptive reality of the "triple alliance" recently set up to form a common defence for jobs in those industries.

The mass meeting took sub-

stantially farther forward the policy laid down by the minets' leaders, but the line taken yesterday by moderates and militants alike suggests that the in-dustry is criting rapidly to-wards a national stoppage. The wards a national stoppage. The union executive expressed it self "totally opposed " to coal board plans to shut between 20 and 50 pits, and spoke of the danger that industrial action will start in some areas.

"If any attempt is made to put these plans into effect either in individual areas or collectively the particular execution." collectively, the national execuive committee will recomme through a ballot vote that the members take national strike

The union executive has been next Thursday to discuss the union's next move, and in the meantime argent talks are being sought with energy, trade and employment ministers. Mr Joseph Gornley, the mion president, said he "would not mind" seeing Mrs Thatcher.

In those discussions the yesterday voted 25 to nil for a miners will argue that imports hardline policy that will take of coal, now running at about the industry into a national eight million tonnes a year, strike if the Cabinet refuses to should be halted, and that operating subsidies of the kind paid out by the governments of other EEC countries but being phased out here under the Coal Industry Act. 1980, should be paid.

is made to our representations to the ministers, the national bers on strike action", the rest-lution concluded. There would then be talks with rail and steel

"We would not go on strike if we thought we could lose". But left-sing coulfield But leftware conflicted leaders are already making pre-parations for unofficial strikes thar will be escouraged in the militant coaffields of Yorkshire, South Wales, Scotland, Kenn and Derbyshire.

resterday confirmed that local joint meetings are to start immediately in all coalfields. Under the coal board's four-point programme to bring out-put into line with reduced demand, 10 million withers of capacity would be taken out at a possible cost of 30,000 jobs. There is some firmly based expectation among moderate miners' leaders that the Cabinet will seek to defuse the crisis by confeding more

12 new charges of murder against lorry driver

Peter Sutcliffe, who is accused of murdering Miss jacqueline Hill, a student aged 20, in Leeds, will face a further 12 charges of murder, it was announced yesterday.

Mr Sutcliffe, aged 35, a lorry driver, will also be charged with seven counts of arrempted murder. The committed hearing will be next Friday, before magis-trates in Dewsbery, West Details of the new charges

the Director of Public Prosecu-

Reporting restrictions were not lifted, but after the hear-ing the prosecution said there was no objection to the number of charges being published. Mr Surcliffe, of Garden Lane, Heaton, Bradford, was not in court. In his absence he was remended in custody to await टामायां हो.

He has appeared in coors only once since his arrest in the first week of January.

He is so far charged with murdering Miss Hill last November and with stealing two car number plates valued at were not released. They were announced in court by Mr

on 'tapping' By Bill Johnstone.

The Government failed yesterday to prevent a Labour-sponsored clause on telephone rapping from being inserted in the new Telecommunications Bill being reviewed by a Commons committee.

Mr John Gorst Conservative

MP for Barnet, Hendon North, supported seven Labour members and one Liberal who sated for the clause, which led to a defeat for the Government by

one vote.

Mr Gorst remained unconvinced about government policy on telephone tapping, despite the personal intervention of Mr William Whiteless, the Home Secretary, on Wednesday in an attempt to dissuade him.

Mr Kenneth Baker, Minister for Industry and Tokymption for Industry and Information Technology, who is stearing the Bill through the Commons de-clared the Government's clear

opposition to the insertion of the clause.

The clause was moved by Mr John McWilliam, Lebour MP for Blaydon. It lays down the precise criteria to be used by the Home the Home Secretary when issuing a warrant authorizing telephone tapping either by the police, the customs and excise or the security forces. In response to questions about press reports suggesting

telephone tapping at the Cana-dian High Commission in London, Mr Baker would neither confirm nor deny their

Mr Gorst made clear that he was unhappy about instances of telephone tapping for state security being discussed on the floor of the House of Commons. He intends to table an amend. ment to prevent that happening Minister's concern: Ministers were last night expressing scrious concern at the Labour-sponsored clause and are expected to introduce an amendment when the Bill returns to the Commons at the report stage, 10 3 71 000

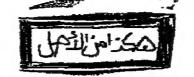
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By triumphantly clearing the last obstacle yesterday to owner-ship of The Times and its four sister-publications, Mr Rupert Murdoch became the most powerful figure in Fleet Street since Lord Northcliffe, founder of the British popular press, who also owned The Times.

The Australian with the soft The Australian with the soft voice and the hard-bitten reputation aroused two distinct reactions when it became known three weeks ago that he bad been chosen by Thomson British Holdings as the new proprietor, provided he could reach agreement with the unions and adhere to the Thomson timetable.

Three printing union general secretaries wrote in Mr Michael

secretaries wrote to Mr Michael Foot, the Leader of the Opposition, on the day after the announcement, urging him not to press the Government for a reference of the proposed take-over to the Monopolies and Mergers. Commission and mergers... Commission and making it enmission to the bid. They are Mr. William Keys, of Sogat and chairman of the TUC printing industry committee. Mr. Joe Wade. of the NGA; the principal craft union and Mr. Owen! O'Brien, of Natsopa; the sprawling all trades 2 union representing half trades "union representing half trades "union representing half the employees. With frieads like that did Mr Murdoch need to worry about apposition? He did. Many journalists on the most distinguished wapers. the most distinguished papers in Britain conscious of a world reputation for quality and independence, made no secret of their fears that Mr. Murdoch would lower standards and interfere because his previous

history as a newspaper pro-prietor seemed to make that Not a few outsiders, includ-ing many influential figures in Parliament expressed unease that The Times and The Sunday Times looked set to join The Sun and the News of the World

in the same stable. The national leaders of the printing unions supported Mr Murdoch despite his reputation as a tough bargainer because they felt they knew where they stood with him even if it meant loss of jobs. The chapels (office branches) were less keen because it was their jobs that would go, but fell into line when the negotiator who had started by asking for the moon settled for distinctly less.

The unprecedented guarantees about editorial independence and integrity given by Mr Murdoch on January 22 liamentarians. Rupert Murdoch, aged 49, is

the grandson of a Scottish minister of religion who migrated to Australia in the last cen-Murdoch, 'a distinguished journalist and newspaper owner whose business was broken up for death duties in 1952, leaving his only son and three daughters a controlling interest in just one paper, the shaky Adelaide News. Mr Mordoch came from 2

privileged background and went from Geelong Grammar School, the best known in Australia, to Oxford, where he got a third-class degree in philosophy, politics and economics and a

politics and economics and a reputation as a left-winger with dash, wealth and popularity. Early signs of what was to come during his time at Oxford included a successful campaign to raise advertising revenue for the student weekly. Cherwell, and a ban on holding office in the Labour Club for appreciant the Labour Club for canvassing for election.

for election.

He leavned journalism on a provincial newspaper and later the Daily Express in London and the News Chronicle, before retuining to Australia to start his real career as a newspaper executive and proprietor.

Using the family company, Crudens Investments, as a base for expansion in the tough and

for expansion in the tough and boisterous world of the Australian press he acquired a Sunday newspaper in Perth in 1956 at the age of 24 and four pears later world in the control of the years later moved on to try his luck in Australia's big city."

His best known approach to a. takenver of a newspaper soon became established involving moving sharply and unhesitat-ingly down market to raise cir-culation.

His early adventures in Australia and his subsequent record: on_a wider stage encompassing Britain and America earned him a reputation as a ruthless entre-preneur, successful rather moreoften than not, and as a pioneer of female nudity, epitomized by the daily dose of bare bosoms

But inside the man soon christened "the Dirty Digger" by Private Eye there appears always to have been a quality newspaper proprietor trying to get out. He founded The Ausridian, the country's only known renet of nationwide newspaper, in the philosophy to give 1960s, and kept it going through what they want.

a great deal to assuage, if not journalists' strike over alleged entirely to extinguish, scepticism among journalists and particles and partic

In 1976 he tried hard to get control of The Observer but was beaten by Atlantic Richfield. In the United States he owns the New York Magazine, a glossy weekly respected for informed comment, as well as the Village Voice, the down-market Star weekly tabloid and two dailies

in Texas.

Mr Murdoch was only 38, when he made his sensational arrival in Fleet Screet by acquiring control of the News of the World in 1969. Shortly afterwards he acquired the morthwall of the street of the sense of the sens moribund Sun, successor of the Daily Herald, cheaply from the Dully Mirror group, and took it down market to the top of the circulation table within a

the circulation table within a few years.

The British operation. News International, headed by the largest circulating daily and Sunday newspapers in the country and supported by a chain of regional papers, magazines, a 12 per cent holding in London Weekend. Television and printing, paper and transport interests; is now the most important revenue earner in the Murdoch empire.

empire. His largest acquisition in the His largest acquisition in the United States, where he started what became News America Inc in 1973, is the New York Post, a once dull evening paper which he transformed in the familiar down-marke manner, once again leaving the opposition breath-

Firmly entrenched in a highly and uniquely profitable position at the bottom end of the British national press, Mr Murdoch now bestrides Fleet Street by acquiring control of the top end of the market at the same time in a way unknown since North-cliffe.

He has been accused of open in both Australia and America and of laying down the political line to be pursued by his papers; of ruthlessness in his acquisition of control over Australian television stations and even an airline.
If there is one thing Mr Mus-

doch's controversial career has shown it is that he is keenly aware of markets. The Times has only one markets the times has only one market and The Sunday Times dominates its own sector. They each have the most demanding readerships in Strizin, and it is a well known tenet of Mr Murdach's philosophy to give the readers

Transaction completed in two vital

phases

By a Staff Reporter Mr Rupert Murdoch became first lasted precisely three calendar months from October 22 last, when Thomson British-Holdings amounced their decision to sell or close the five papers by next month. The second lasted precisely three weeks, from their announce-ment on January 22 that Mr Murdoch had until yesterday.

to get union agreement.

The key to the successful campaign by Thomson to sell all five sites to a single buyer as a going concern will un-doubtedly be seen in retrospect as their uncompromising ad-herence to a calendar of their own devising in defiance of own devising in denance of scepticism in the City, incredulity among the trade unions, fear among the journalists and pressure for an official inquiry in Parliament. It may also be concluded that the most surposatul assets of

the most successful aspect of the Thomson association with Times Newspapers after 14 years of disappoinment and

ended it.

Thomsons decided to sellafter a year of closure in 197879 failed to resolve mounting
and disastrons labour relations
difficulties over disputes procedure manning levels and the
ever elusive new technology. A journalists' strike at The

phic disruptions in the printing of The Sunday Times led to the announcement on October 22, with dealings in Thomson shares suspended, that the Canadian-based multinational company would cease to sup-port the papers in March.

The merchant bankers, S. G. Warburg, were called in to conduct the hoped-for sale of all the titles to a single bidder. The bank drew up an "information memorandum" and distributed it to potential purchasers in three weeks. Interested parties were given until December 31 to show them-

As the first deadline approached, speculation was rife but facts were sparse. December 31 ceased to be a deadline and became a guideline.

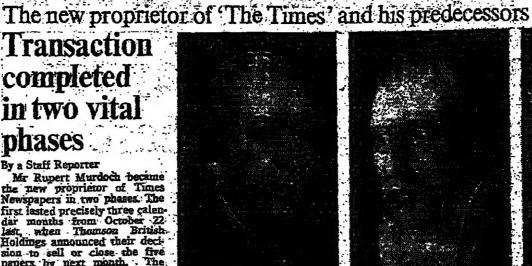
At the turn of the year only Mr Robert Maxwell, of Perga-mon Press, and Journalists of The Times Ltd, a staff consor-tion, were known to have come forward. Yet with the new year just a week old. Lord Thomson of Fleer and his British executives were publicly confident that a single buyer for Times Newspapers would emerge before the end of January.

By the middle of the month
a short list of three contenders,
Mr Murdoch's News Internationay, Lord Rother nere's
Associated Newspapers and Mr
Roland. Tiny Rowland's
Loutho had anyoned

Speculation soon focused on of the buildings in Gray's Im-Road the same evening.

The next morning his chief union negotiators, Mr. John. Collier and Mr. William O'Neill, Mr Murdoch, the only candidate to concede his interest in public in a guarded interview with

On January 22 Mr. Murdoch, flanked by Thomson executives, tianked by Thomson executives, told a press conference in a London hotel that he had been given three weeks to reach agreement with seven trade unions and their 54 chapels (office branches) at Times Newspapers on issues that had eluded Thomsons for three



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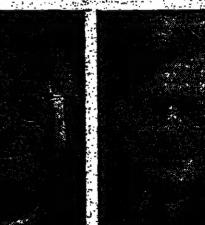


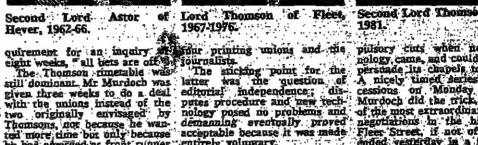


Arthur Fraser Walter, 1894 Lord Northcliffe, 1908-1922



Major J. J. Astor, MP, later Lord Astor of Hever, 1922-





acceptable because it was made entirely volumary.
The Sunday Times Journalists threatened to go to court to my to force a monopolies comm further guarantees of editorial independence were given by Mr.

Murdoch.
On January 27 the Secretary
of State for Trade, Mr John
Biffen, announced that he
would waive a reference to the the papers were not economically viable. There were objections on the government and opposition benches, but the

decision was endorsed by a majority of 42 with a three-line whip imposed on the Conservatives The talks with the printing unions entered their final phase, with the principal craft union, the National Graphical Association, and the numerically largest the National Society of Operative Printers, Graphical and Media Personnel, representand Media Personnel, represent the supposited that the supposited that the supposited of 4,200, showing the most reserving ments will be leaving London, various, notably on manning cars. But, under the circumstances, I various, notably on manning cars. But, under the circumstances, I various, notably on manning cars.

pulsory cuts when new tech-nology came, and could Natsopa perstade its chapels to agree? A nicely timed series of con-cessions on Monday by Mr Murdoch did the rick, and one of the most extraordinary labour negotiations in the history of Fleer Street, if not of Britain,

Hard battle . Mr Leslie Dixon president of the National Graphical Association, said last night: "No one likes to lose staff bur I am confident that the agreement will provide for a good future." (the Press Association reports)

The unions agreed to Mr riree supplements should be printed outside London. Mr Dixon said; "L am sorry the supplements are leading London but there have been concessions on both sides.

The negotiations have been

very fair, and we have reached a common understanding. I believe it is the best deal we could have had.

Mr James Pointing, national officer of Sogar, said. We have had some very difficult negotiations, and we are very disappointed that the supplements will be leaving London

dream says Lord Thomson From Michael Leapman New Kork, Feb 12

End of great

Lord Thomson of Fleet, the retiring owner of The Times and The Sunday Times, spoke with deep emotion inday of his grief at the final severance of his family's connexion with the

his family's connection who the papers.

"I have to be sad", he said over the telephone from his office in Torouto. "I shall never have a relationship with newspapers of that quality and reputation again. I feel very sad that we failed in our basic aim to make the papers successful. I can not help but have that feeling." He is particularly upset be-

cause the sale represents the defeat of his father's dearest wish to be the person who res-tored The Tunes to its earlier

tored The Times to its earlier glory and fortune.

"He had a great dream of securing the future of that wonderful newspaper and leaving the paper prosperous. I had that hope too. We kept trying, but we could not do it. We have the feeling that we falled.", Lard Thomson said.

Lord Thomson said Our consolation is that we kept custody of them for 14 years. In that respect we have made our contribution. But in go of it and the smartest thing to do was to get rid of them "We did not act perfectly. There were faults. I can not help but look back with regret. It, is a sadness to know that we are no longer associated with these wonderful news-

A second consolation for Lord Thomson is his belief that in Mr Ruperr Murdoch he has found a buyer who can succeed where he has not

We have committed the papers to the hands of someone who has the ability to make them work the said. "Rupert Mindoch is a good newspaper-man and businessman. I know that he has the desire to show the world that he can produce

sational ones.

If anyone could do it he has the record and the financial resources to do it I hope he can. I hope he does He has said he will not change the basic character of the papers and I am sure he has noble objectives.

Lord Thomson believes that Lord Thomson believes that as fer as his own company is concerned the end of the financial and administrative drain "involved in owning the papers will be beneficial. He felt that the fact of his owning large oil, travel and eather outside interests was "both a strongth and weekended?" in that he led people to think that publishing losses could be sustained indefinitely.

"We have taken out lumps" he concluded. "But now we have saved it I have some sails

have saved it I have some sails-Times, said he was times, said he was "delighted that the agreement had finally been reached (the Press Association reports)." It has ended a period of uncertainty and I feel we will now see The Sunday Times, progress rapidly.

Mr Evens said he planned to remain as editor of The Sunday Times."

Times Times Rees Mogg described the agreement as quite remarkable

I am very pleased that everything has gone through. It is very good news for The Times

He said he planned to resign as editor within a very short time an allow Mr. Murdoch to appoint a successor:

Three-month pay freeze in deal different departments would go, 25, including four unfilled together with 40 single shifts vacancies, and that of 54 on the required for supplement pro-supplements by five. A further

stead of byer three years as preionsly agreed: As a result of the removal of

supplements, accepted by tsopa yesterday, 55 shifts Natsopa yesterday, 55 shifts will end, about half of them Times and the other half by casual workers who come in for only one day.
In The Sunday Times natsopa

machine chapel, according to union sources, seven shifts will end among the 101 worked by part time employees on cleaning and other duties after the Artists, Designers, Engravers production run. The 450-strong and Process Workers will be casual production staff and the 57 shifts for preparatory work will apparently remain intact ogat departments, union officials said yesterday that the National Union of Journa-about 40 to 50 out of nearly lists, the complement of 279 on 500 employees in a number of The Times will be reduced by

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the 800-member clerical chapels of The Times and The Sunday Times a total of 130 jobs will go, of which 110 are unfilled vacancies. As new technology is intro-duced the total of 57 members

of the Society of Lithographic reduced to 47, and the complement of 103 electricians will be reduced by about 10 per cent. Under agreements signed with

duction. 15 of 170 full-time journalists
In Natsopa Revisors, Ink and on The Sunday Times will also Roller makers and Auxiliaries go.

chapels, it is understood that just under 100 jobs out of a tors appear to have had wary toral of almost 500 will go. In inc. success in achieving the longho, had emerged.

ments.

The unions have accepted a three-month pay freeze from the end of their current agree-ments in October, other than the National Union of Journs. lists, which retains its current settlement date of December 31, thus coming into line with printing workers. In addition they have signed

supplements by five. A further 15 of 170 full-time journalists

reductions they were seeking. According to the inions they had opened by asking, for 220 job losses in clerical areas, curs of between 25 and 35 percent in machine areas, and up to 120 fewer in Sogat depart-

a new procedure for the avoid-ance of disputes

cedure to stop unofficial surkes, sweeping reductions in manning to reduce costs, and the introduction of new technology to open the way to last-ing profitability. The engineers and the elec-If he succeeded the papers ddition they have signed procedure for the avoidIf there was reference to the agreement, as was to be exMonopolies and Mergers Competed, given their ancillary mission, with its minimum re- maintenance roles. That left the

Mr. Renfrew's appointment will take effect on March 1, 1981. On the same date Mr Long

The Reuter Board has America, stationed in New York, appointed Mr Glen Renfrew to Mr Long, aged 57, has been the post of managing director chief executive of D.

and reporting of Reuters as the largest world news service.

"He has now, after a period of major investment and technical innovation, built it up into the greatest international ser-vice of media news, financial and business information.

Hever, 1962-66.

given three weeks to do a deal with the unions instead of the two originally envisaged by

Thomsons, not because he wan-ted more time but only because he had somerged as front runner. (but not the highest bidder) one week earlier than expected,

despite last-minute legal delays.

If the talks that led to the

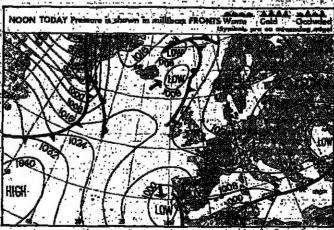
provisional sale agreement were intense, the 21 days of negotiations with the unions were positively frentic. Mr Murdoch met

the general secretaries immediately after the January 22 press conference and left in his silver

joined him in Gray's Inn Road, and talks began in earness, morning noon and night, seven days a week. They set out to

obtain a strict disputes pro-

Weather forecast and recordings



Today

Sun rises: Sun sets: or moderate; max temp 3 to 5°C.

7.19 am 5.12 pm Mainly day, height periods, perhaps isolated inovers in W; wind a dising day, height periods, perhaps isolated inovers in W; wind B or SE, light or moderate; max temp 3 to 5°C.

We England S and W Water; Lighting up: 5.42 pm to 6.47 am.

Full Moon: February 18.

Lighting up: 5.42 pm to 6.47 am.

High water: Loudon Bridge, 8.2

am, 6.3m; Bover, 5.16 am, 5.7m; wind S. High or moderate; max temp 6 to 8°C (48° to 46°F).

6.3 pm, 5.5m; full 12.11 am, fo.7m; cile pm, 6.2m; liverpool, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Erich Mainly day, height or moderate; max temp 6 to 8°C (48° to 46°F).

A ridge of high pressure will builti across central Editals, bring ing a cold SE airstream across S land: Rather cloudy, rain, or servers.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight: Vector-rious.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight . Yesterday London, SE, Central S England,

Bast Anglia, Midlands (E), Chan London: Tamp may 6 am to 6 nel Islands: Dry, sumy periods. pm, 7°C (45°F); min 6 pm to 6 fost early and late; waid E am, 2°C (35°F). Humsdity, 6 pm, 100 for at 10 may temp 3° to 5°C 56 per cent. Rain, 24 ht to 6 pm, (37° to 41°F).

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London: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm. 7°C (45°P); min 8 pm to 6 am, 2°C (36°P). Humidity, 6 pm, 56 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 6 pm, ull. Son, 24 hr to 6 pm, ull. Son, 24 hr to 6 pm, ull. Son, 25 hr to 6 pm, ull. 1171.

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Outlook for tomorrow and Sanday. Mostly dry and cold with some 'substine but widespring frost and pantly fog at night. Sea passages: 5 North Sea. Straits of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind E; moderate or fresh; sea slight it moderate. sea slight of moderate.

Would you let your daughter walk for 8 hours <u>in a temperature</u> of 120 F?

They walk in the baking sun. They walk through torrential rain. They walk across impossible ground We'd be pushed to make a couple of miles

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work they do vastly important. They are the paramedics of Bangladesh, parts of Africa and other countries. These young girls visit villages to teach about hygiene, child care and food production. They give innoculations. They help deliver babies and provide ante-natal care.

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New chief appointed at Reuters

the post of managing director and chief executive of Reurers in succession to Mr Gerald Long, who is leaving the company at his own request.

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harges like that.

Mr Atkins was in no mood to

was a good chance for instant

"Did the honourable gentle-man make that statement?" the Speaker asked. "I made

Mr Paisley said, like a latter-day George Washington,

squeaked, almost dwarf-like beside his massive colleague. As MPs waited in delightful

uspense for the thunderbolt

statement, for it is true",

He is a liar", Mr Roomson

chief executive of Reuters since February, 1963, until 1973 with the title of general manager, and since that date that of managing director. Mr Long has spent more than 32 years with Reuters, and Mr Renfrew 28.

years. Sir Denis Hamilton, chairman

1981. On the same date Mr Long will become managing director of Times Newspapers Ltd.

Mr Renfrew, who is aged 52, is at present a joint deputy managing director of Reuters. In a message to the regrets of each member of the staff today said: "Mr Long's board but also with all our two decades as chief executive gratitude, together with our of Reuters have been of his toric importance to the comnew and imprensely responsible pany. He has maintained and post in journalism." will become managing director of Times Newspapers Ltd.
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Mr Remirew, who is aged 52, is at present a joint deputy of Reuters have been of kis-

Mr Paisley named and suspended truth. "He is telling the truth, allowed to be interviewed until he is telling the truth. The Secretary of State is a liar", precincts by the police.

Mr Robinson yelled.

Mr Patsley said he thought he truth. " He is telling the truth, confirm or deny any such things. He never gave details to the House about security forces

operations, he said, and he could not understand why Mr Paisley thought it was in the interests of anybody to make charges like that.

"It's a cover-up," Mr Paisley beliewed. Squarks and shours of shock, horror and dismay erupted on all sides and Mr Fitt, never one to let a good opportunity slip by, leapt to his feet to tell the Speaker "Mr Paisley has just called Mr Atkins a har."

At that point of course Mr seat and then stor back again and Mr Michael Jopling, Gov-ernment Chief Whip, moved the motion for suspension. There was a joyous shout of "Aye" from what seemed like every other MP in the House, with the only "No" cries coming from the two Democratic At that point, of course, Mr Paisley had done no such thing Unionists, but rapidly sensing that here . As a division requires two

was a good chance for instant tellers on either side and only martyrdom, he at once rose to Mr. Robinson took up the his feet shouting: "So he is " gauntlet on behalf of those against the motion, the vote was called off. Mr Paisley was then given his marching orders by the Speaker, bowed politely to the chair and stalked off into the outer darkness. Our Political Reporter writes: Outside the carriage gates that lead into New Palace Yard, Mr Paisley said he had put a very serious allegation " and you will to strike Antrim North, Mr have to note that it was not Paisley added that he had no denied. He spoke ourside intention of withdrawing the Parliament because he was not

Mr Paisley said he thought he had that point the Speaker decided he had heard enough.

I name the Rev Ian Paisley to withdraw from the House for gross discourtesy to the chair, I call upon the minister to move the appropriate motion.

Mr Paisley shot out of his seat and then shor back again and Mr Michael Jopling, Government Chief Whin moved the

"I happen to be a Protestant and a Unionist. It would seem to me that there is not going to

be fair play even for public representatives who take an

anti-Government line on the Haughey talks." Repeating the charge he made in the Commons, Mr. Paisley said: "I think Protestants now along the border can have no. faith in the Army when those army men who were sent out to patrol the border actually went to a Republican house and wined and dined while the Stronges, whom they were supposed to be observing and protecting, were murdered. Army denial: The Army last night categorically denied Mr.

Paisley's allegations.



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'winning !

cash cuts

battle'

By John Young

Plancing Reporter

The Government was wite-

ning the battle with local authorities over public expen-diture cors, Mr Michael Hesel-

tine, Secretary of State for the Environment, said yesterday.

their homework properly.

usually no more than an attempt to defend their present

Nobody deplored more than he the need for drastic cuts in

capital investment. But they were quicker and easier to achieve than reductions in cur-

faster we will be able to restore our capital investment pro-

Housing bose the brunt of the burden, which made it vital to spend what resources were

available on conserving and re-novating the existing stock.

His principal motive for encouraging the sale of council

louses was to reverse the polarization of society between home owners and council

tenants. That was far more important than any savings that

might accrue to taxpayers and

In recent years owners had

seen an enormous rise in the equity value of their invest-

ments, while tenant had gained nothing at ali. The effect had been to create "two nations",

situation he found indefens-

Decision to drop

change confirmed

Confirmation that the Govern-

ment planned to postpone its proposals to transfer sickness payments for the first eight

weeks to employers was given by the Prime Minister in the

will be brought back in the

Mrs Margaret Thatcher had been asked by Mr David Alton Liberal MP for Liverpool, Edge

Hill, whether a report to that

effect in The Times yesterday was true. If it was, it would be

received with great joy by many people running small businesses,

next parliamentary session.

sickness pay

By Our Political Reporter

mons yesterday. The scheme, which will still have the eight-week time scale,

You will not find me defending capital cuts. But I would say that there was no choice. The faster we can get current spending down, the laster we will be able to present the laster when the laster we will be able to present the laster wil

levels of consumption.

rent spending.

Government may improve on 6% pay offer to public service workers to head off threat of disruption

By David Felton Labour Reporter

The Government is believed to be moving towards improving its 6 per cent pay offer to nearly 900,000 public service workers in the face of industrial action threatened next month by white collar civil servants.

Ministers met yesterday to discuss the challenge being 3.152 against. The union's total planned against the Government's pay policy for the public and it was reliably reported that they agreed that members were unable to attend an offer of about 7 or 71 per meetings because of the need cent could be made to union leaders.

Ministers are believed to be anxious that a new offer should not be tabled unless there were strong indications from the unions that the increase would be acceptable.

There has been some scepti-cism among Civil Service union officials that a small increase would be sufficient to cancel the planned campaign of industrial action, which is due to start with a national one-day strike next month, followed by a series of selective strikes designed to affect the Govern-ment's ability to collect revenues.

In addition to the 6 per cent being offered to the 530,000 white collar civil servants a similar increase has been put to 250,000 hospital ancillary workers and 30,000 ambulance men.

concerted campaign of action came yesterday from the tradi-tionally moderate Inland Staff Federation, whose members voted by eight

to one in favour of strikes. Meetings at 42 centres around the country recorded 24,993 votes in favour of action, with membership is about 60,000 bur it was emphasized by union officials that more than 8,000 keep a skeleton service operating.

The votes among 1,000 staff at the tax computer centres at Cumbernauld, near Glasgow, and Shipley, near Bradford, which would play a crucial role in the campaign of guerrilla action, recorded a higher majority for action than the national vote.

Mr Anthony Christopher, the federation's general secretary, said last night: "This is a result which should concern the Government. We have not incited it. There is very deep

yesterday about 300 members of the Institution of Professional Civil Servants, the third largest improvement industrial action Civil Service union, which has is inevitable.

Further indications of the a reputation for moderation, willingness of civil servants to voted by a large majority to embark on an unprecedent, support the campaign of in-concerted campaign of action dustrial action if the Government did not improve the 6 per cent offer.

Mr William McCall, the institution's general secretary, told the meeting: "It is impor-tant that the Government, Parliament and the community should understand that the whole of the Civil Service is completely disgusted at the way this Government is scrapping agreement after agreement and the shabby and shoddy way it is reflecting on the importance of the work that is done."

Union negotiators yesterday alsomet officials of the Civil Service Department to press their claim for a reduction in the working week to bring civil servants into line with the private sector.

Mr Peter Jones, secretary of the Council of Civil Service Unions, said the meering was "disgraceful" and that officials had not taken nto account the unous, arguments and had refused to entertan the claim,.

Government. We have not incited it. There is very deep concern among members over the Government's refusal to pulish pay research for 1981 and its devial of free arbitration".

At a mass meeting in London

Union officials are expecting to have a further meeting on pay with Lord Soames, Lord President of the Council and Minister responsible for the Civil Service, early next week, when they hope the Government will increase the form of the council and mass meeting in London

The unions Union officials are expecting 6 per cent offer. The unions have said that without an

Linwood car workers vote for campaign to save plant

Glasgow Workers at the Talbot car plant at Linwood, near Glasgow, are to fight the decision by Peugeot SA, the shop and machine French owners, to close down the operation next June, throwing 4,800 out of work.

Workers at Linwo terday that men

A mass meeting yesterday voted overwhelmingly to start a public campaign to get the decision reversed. Shop stewards and normal working would con-tinue for the time being, but industrial action was not ruled

out. Mr James Livingstone, convener of shop stewards, said that only a few workers had voted against. The action would aim at protecting Linwood and the future of the car industry in Scotland, some other parts of which were in the same economic position as Linwood.

"We will continue our fight. It will be our intention to use the major unions if necessary, and industrial action as well at the end of the day. But at this stage we are not proposing ndustrial action, and we have asked our members to work normally to ensure the company cannot accuse the unions accepted that, although they established, some 15,000 jobs or the workforce of being dis-

By Fred Emery Political Editor Mr Wedgwood Benn is not

for the moment being assigned a specific portfolio in the Labour Shadow Cabinet because Mr Michael Foot has

filled all available posts, it was learnt last night. He will thus have to wait for a reshuffle or

Mr Benn, who may by agree-

ment with Mr Foot, Leader of the Opposition, make front-bench speeches, entered the Shadow Cabinet only because of the resignation of Mr William Rodgers. In the par-

liamentary party's election Mr Benn had been top of the list of those failing to secure

rives of Strathclyde Regional Council today, and on Sunday talks on tactics will take place with the Scottish TUC and shop and machinery in the

Workers at Linwood said yesterday that men in the engineering section of the plant had been found to be working on plans to transfer production of the Sunbeam car, the com-pany's most popular British made model, to another plant. It was feared that the Peugeot-Citroën group was seeking to move equipment from the bodyshop and machinery in in the gearbox section

Shop stewards ordered the work to stop. Mr Livingstone said that industrial action would be used if there was any attempt to move machinery from Linwood to allow the com-pany to build Avenger or Sun-beam cars elsewhere in the United Kingdom.

The plant will shortly move days a week operation after a long spell on short-time working. The shop stewards said that the work force had or the workforce of being disruptive."

A trade union group repressors is stocks before closure, after felt throughout the whole senting all workers and staff at which the company hoped to British economy.

Before Mr Rodgers resigned, Mr Foot had been examining the possibility of giving him a

special post as spokesman on regional industrial policy. That responsibility has meanwhile

is not at the moment regarded as likely by Mr Foot. Several key unions also oppose it.

ent is expected to be pub-

Mr Smart and Mrs Harrison

said that at a time when the Government was intent on shut-

ting down quangos, it was pro-

They were convinced there was

little if anything to be gained

Mr Stevens, of Red Willows,

dogs did well at shows in Manchester and Leeds.

Mr Dempster, a judge at

He will be judging in

lished in the late spring.

switch production to plants in

That intention has been denied by the management. One faint hope came yesterday dur-ing a BBC Radio Scotland interview with a spokesman for the international division of Nissan in Japan, which plans to open a production plant for Datsun cars in Britain. He said that Linwood might be a candidate for a new location, on which a feasibility study had begun.

The new Japanese plant would be built in a development area that had a local work force available and access to component manufacturers. But the spokesman made clear that Nissan preferred an undeve-loped site that would allow it to build an ideal layout,

Linwood has the labour force but little else to match the Japanese criteria. It was one of Scottish development that very little ancillary industry grew up alongside the car plant.

Mr John Davidson, secretary of the Confederation of British Industry in Scotland said that had satellite factories been

The Prime Minister, agreeing that the scheme would not Mr Benn must wait for portfolio appear in this session's Sociail Security Bill, said new prel-posals had arisen which would match more closely the money paid out and returned to eng-Given the unions' opposition

college formula then prevailed.

from the executive. He takes her resignation letter as in

Mrs Thatcher was referring it is being assumed that Mr to the fact that ministers have Benn would not stand and risk met with strong resistance from employers, particularly from small businesses, over the pro-However, such assumptions on posals. The Government had offered 50 per cent reimburse-That Mr Benn may challenge
Mr Denis Healey in the election for deputy party leader to be held at the autumn conference held at the autumn conference is not at the normal regarded.

However, such assumptions on left-wing tactics have in the past proved wrong.

Mr Foot today makes a considered defence of the Labour Party in response to Mrs ment to businesses through a cut in employers' national insurance contributions and sidered defence of the Labour Party in response to Mrs Shirley Williams's resignation delayed repayments, but that was not accepted.

Mr Michael Grylls, Conserva-tive MP for Surrey, North-West, and chairman of the Suzull Businesses Bureau, said labt night: "The Government's degision is a victory for common sense. The proposals would have faced small businesses with serious cash flow problems."

City areas oppose loss of control over polytechnics

Dog show judge cleared

harges of corruption in fixing Harlow, Essex, had alleged that hows.

Harlow, Essex, had alleged that he paid Mr Dempster 125 and offered the 15 to ensure that

weight and had a heart attack. Cruft's on seven occasions, had

Mr Dempster, of Ashford always denied accepting bribes

Street, Stoke-on-Trent. Staf-fordshire, was alleged to have taken a £25 bribe in 1977 and have confidence in me.", he

to have agreed to accept a said. He will be judging further 25 the next year. The Valencia, Spain, next month.

of corruption charges

in the Shadow Cabinet

By Our Education

Correspondent
The Association of Metropolitan Authorities announced yesterday its total opposition to government proposals to remove higher education from local government control.

In a statement after yester-day's meeting of the association's policy committee Mr Jack Smart, chairman of the AMA, and Mrs Nicols Harrison, chalrman of its education commit-posing to establish another tee, said that such a move "massive and expensive" one. would be wrong financially and

The Government's proposals from the proposals

A senior dog show judge who

cleared at Manchester it.

was said to have lived in tor-

Crown Court yesterday of two charges of corruption in fixing

bribes to fix shows, Frederick Dempster, aged 73, said he had

lost two-and-a-balf stones in

From Our Correspondent

Mr Benn has not made his cliect a departure from the position clear since he suggested according to members of the party's national executive, that they consider holding a three who are harming the special election conference before the autumn. Seamen's agreement nearer

By our Labour Staff Reporter Seamen's leaders and shipping employers were moving towards agreement last night on the terms for arbitration to end the merchant navy dispute of administer and fund polytech-nics and other maintained colleges with a large proportion of advanced work have only been set out in a ministerial paper but a consultation docuthe past tire weeks.

The two sides met for more than 12 hours at the London offices of the Advisory. Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas) and late last night Mr James Slater, general secretary of the Variotal Linion of Season of the National Union of Sea-mon, said the signs were good that an agreement could be

normal working by the union's members members the employers appeared close to agreeing to table a 12 per cent interim offer. The arbitration panel, with

an independent chairman appointed by Acas, will discuss the union's claim for all overtime to be paid at the rate of time and a half. It will compare British seamen's overtime pay with that of other seamen Europe. Mr Slater urged his members

not to return to work until the

Government Concerted opposition to Dublin summit aimed at hardline 'loyalists'

Spirit of Carson invoked in Paisley campaign

The Rev lan Paisley tonight embarks on a journey back in time. It will start at an Orange Order hall in Omagh, co Tyrone, and end outside Stormont

Castle next month. Mr Paisley, in honour of Sir Edward (later Lord) Carson, perhaps the most venerated figure in unionism, calls it the Carson trail.

To those who view Ulster In an interview with The politics as a series of repeating Times he expressed little sym-pathy with those councils which complained that they patterns the past week, be-ginning with the midnight "show of strength" on an Antrim hillside, has provided ample confirmation. The sense complained that they had faithfully followed Government directives and were being unfairly treated. "In most of history feeding off itself has cases they just have not dene been increased by the continuing analysis on television of the roots of Ulster's troubles. "You would be surprised how often they cannot provide even the most elementary facts and figures. What they imagine to be a proper cost analysis is According to critics, that is what gave Mr Paisley and his Democratic Unionist Party the

Surrealist

paintings

expected to

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent

Christie's are to offer at auction on March 30, 28 Surrealist paintings from the collection of Edward James, all dating from

between 1933 and 1939, the high

point of the movement.

It is the finest group of Surrealist paintings ever likely to
come simultaneously to auction;

Christie's are estimating their value, perhaps conservatively, at fim. The nevt day Sotheby's are to sell six more James pic-

If it were not for the peren

nial streak of meanness in Bri-

nial streak of meanness in British government arts policy, the paintings would now be hanging, with some 250 others collected by Mr James, in an exotic, specially constructed dome-shaped museum in the heart of Sussex. It would be the greatest Surrealist art gallery in the world.

In 1964 Mr James, a millionaire at the age of five, whose whole life pattern has followed the Surrealist credo, handed over his 6,000-acre estate. at

west Dean, West Sussex, to a charitable trust, the Edward James Foundation, with the art collection he had in England.

In 1976 he conceived the idea

of building an art gallery on the West Dean estate to house his collection of paintings, some 220 by then belonging to the foundation and 80 or so from his private collection. The cost of constructing his dome was:

of constructing his dome was estimated at £200,000.

He asked the British Govern

ment for a grant of £35,000 a year towards the cost of run-

ning it. Mr Hugh Jenkins, Labour Minister for the Arts

at the time, turned him down.
The James foundation runs a

college in the old Wyatt man-sion at West Dean, teaching the

restoration of antiques and craft skills. At the same time it administers the estate, which

includes nine tenant farms, a village and a smaller Lutyens

house converted into a Surrealist dream house by James in

the 1930s. While strong on assets, it is short on income and

the trustees decided some years

ago to disperse all but a central core of the collection of paint-

Much has already been sold,

sometimes privately, sometimes through Sotheby's. Dali's famous Meramorphosis of

Narcissus" was sold privately to the Tate 18 months ago. The Christie's auction will

contain six works from the foundation, with 22 works from James's private collection. He was always generous with his

possessions, and most of those

works are familiar to the public

theme for their campaign of opposition to the Dublin sum- to Mr Paisley's headline-making

mit in December and the joint is that he has seized the pre-studies between Britain and the text of an ambiguous Dublin

11 rallies planned for the next Mr Paisley, the argument and foremost an Irish Union six weeks, at which "loyalists" runs, wishes to dissociate him will be asked to sign a covenant self from his involvement in political necessity. Carson in the autumn of

City Hall. advertisemen
The Democratic Unionist ted leader". Party's position is summed up by its advertisement in a hardline loyalism has led to Belfast newspaper vesterday some of Mr Paisley's Official portraying the Dublin summit Unionist opponents who feel as a scorpion, with a "united Ireland" as the sting in its tail. Government assurances that there will be no sellout are treated with contempt.

The response of most critics

Irish Republic set in motion by communique as the launching it. Mr Paisley, they say, has been pad for his local government watching too much relevision. election campaign. The elections Mr Paisley replies that his are due in May.

of opposition to the Dublin last year's failed devolution "conspiracy", are indeed designed to replicate those held some of the ground he lost at the end of the year by 1912 as a prelude to the anti-incautious remarks about rehome rule covenant. Carson, ferendums and an independent like Mr Paisley on Monday, Ulster, and to project himself signed his covenant at Belfast once more in the words of the advertisement as "Ulster's elec-

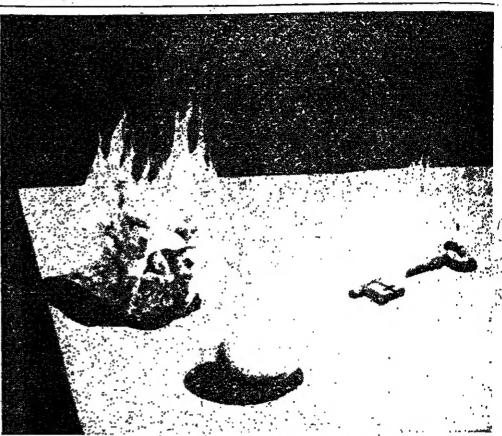
This strategy of appealing to Unionist opponents who feel themselves outflanked echoing fears of the Dublin " threat ". It has been criticized, too, on the grounds that it is likely to heighten sectarian tension at a signatures. Perhaps wisely time when the H-block issue

at risk by inviting too m though like Mr Paisley a ski publicist and mass orator, born in Dublin and was ;

political necessity. I base my whole ac Ireland", he declared at first of his covenant rallic September, 1912.

On that occasion, in E. killen, not, es tonight, Omagh, Carson made a trius ant entry into the town is open carriage, flanked b and accompanied by an e ated 40,000 marchers. Mr Paisley, whose arrive Omagh is likely to be a s what smaller-scale affair,

said he hopes to co " hundreds of has set himself no target. Letters, par



Above: René Magritte's "L'Echelle du Feu ", which is dated 1938-39. Below: Salvador Dali's "Le Sommeil", which he painted in 1937.



from their loan to the main Surrealist exhibitions of recent years, most notably Dali's "Le panelling of the room, with a Sommeil", in which a melting hidden lighting mechanism; head is seen propped up by when the panelling that hid crutches in an eerie coastal them was rolled back, the lights landscape.
Particularly fascinating is a

years in the mid-1930s. The paintings were let into the came on and the luminous little fantasies were revealed.

by Dail for the dining room of James's London home in Wimpole Street, which he lent to arrangement of prancing horses Magritte and Dali in successive and riders, which, if one half

closes the eyes, can be se form a woman's head. The sale also includes

telephone.

James was the friend,
patron of the Surrealist
buying their works and laborating in "events", the 1936 lecture to be gihelmet : unfortunately the was inaudible inside the and nearly suffocated.

Coercion in fraud inquiry is denied Mr Rossi disclosed that the taxes and contributions while

By Our Social Services Correspondent Allegations that

security fraud investigators coerced unemployed men to use their benefit money to advertise their availability for work during interviews in locked rooms were strongly denied yesterday by Mr Hugh Rossi, Minister for Social Security.
In each of three cases taken

up by Mr Frank Field, Labour MP for Birkenhead, instructions in the secret Fraud Investigator's Guide were respected, Mr Rossi said in a letter released last night.

Those instructions stated, inter alia: "Investigation must invariably be fair and unbiased and have regard to the legal constraints . . . firm measures against fraud must not result in eached. terms of arbitration were the unacceptable treatment of In return for a resumption of settled.

men were called in for interthat social view after his department benefits and doing a job on the
nvestigators coreceived reports that necesside, tax-free." sitated questions being asked.

One, a motor mechanic, was said to have been seen repair-ing and selling cars. Another had renewed his public service vehicle licence, stating that he had recent experience driving such vehicles. The third was reported to be leaving home early each day and returning after working hours.

"Quite clearly the department would have been failing in its duty if it did not check out the reports received", Mr Rossi wrote.

"Nothing causes greater scandal or a feeling of unfairtheir pay packet decimated by draw benefit.

side, tax-free." In one case there was no

evidence of the man working while drawing benefit. In the other two the claimants had signed statements and said they ployed. Advertising for trade was suggested to one man as a possible way of finding custo-

Mr Rossi said none of the three men was locked in during the interviews, but the doors were locked by a simple inter-nal mortise knob so that conversation coud proceed in privacy.

He had been assured emphatically that none of the officers ness among ordinary hard- adopted a bullying, hectoring working men and women to see attitude, or threatened to with-

Prison officer. cleared of murder

By Our Correspondent Birmingham Melvyn Jackson, aged

senior prison hospital at Winson Green jail, B ham, was cleared at B ham Magistrates' Court day of murdering a mi was on remand at the pr Mr John Milward stipendiary magistrate, that there was not cvidence to send him

Mr Douglas Draycon, the prosecution, alleged I Jackson killed Mr

Prosser, aged 32, of Hig Sedgley, West Midlan giving him a kick stomach. It was further that after realizing what done Mr Jackson bei elaborate cover-up.

Army helicop hit by gunfire

An Army helicopter was picking up a foot in south Armagh, no border, it was disclosed

Irish police later exc fire with about five mask, who escaped north horder, and a search 1,000 rounds of ammun. a plastic bag and 9 . explosive.

Correction

Our report yesterday on student tees wrongly 50 that Oxford had deci-: increase it iges above the adening charging more.

Surgeons' evidence supports brain death code of practice By Our Medical Correspondent mended by the Conference of cause relatives are unwilling to Of those 609 patients ventila- had active eye movements and

Four months after the BBC Panorama programme on brain death, feelings still run high among those doctors who believe the public was unjustifi-ably frightened by the pro-gramme's questioning of the re-liability of criteria used in Britain to diagnose irreversible charges were made after a Sunday newspaper investiga-tion into a claim by Mr David Stevens, a dog trainer, that ment for three years after corruption was rife at dog being accused of corruption shows; he set out to expose death of the brain in patients shows; he set out to expose maintained on artificial ventila-

vext Thursday the medical issues will be debated for 90 minutes on BBC 1. The medical experts will attempt to allay the fears and uncertainties induced by the Panorama pro-

gramme. As a preliminary step in that campaign, detailed evidence is published in the British Medical Journal today in support of the code of practice for the diagnosis of brain death recom- hours and sometimes days be-

Royal Colleges and Faculties. The colleges' code relies on a series of clinical tests carried out by experienced doctors; and specifically denies the need for any confirmatory instrumental

tests such as an electroencephalogram. The journal's article, by three neurosurgeons headerd by Professor Bryan Jennett; of Glasgow University, cutes three bodies of evidence as justifica-tion of those clinical criteria.

The evidence is mainly based on the medical convention, that the diagnosis of brain death is not necessarily followed irnmediately by the switching off of the ventilator, which would in-deed make the diagnosis at selffulfilling prophecy, as has been alleged by the critics.

In practice some parients will he kept on the vantilator for

give permission for it to switched off; in other cases the relatives cannot be found to give that permission; and a few doctors prefer to continue ventilation until the heart stops.

Does the heart always stop in those circumstances? The evidence collected by the neurosurgeons shows that the answer is "Yes". First, a review of 447 cases of brain death in published research reports showed no exceptions; once diagnosed as brain-dead all the patients

The second body of evidence least six hours. came from three British neuro-surgery units, Glasgow, Swansea and Cambridge, which together had diagnosed brain death in 609 patients, most of whom had either head injuries or bleeding inside the brain ment in all four limbs at their from rupture of a blood vessel. worst state. Of those, 102 still

recovered. The diagnosis was proved correct in every case. Finally, the surgeons made an analysis of 1,939 patients with exclusion severe head injuries who had criteria. heen admitted to hospitals in Britain, the Netherlands and the United States. Data on those patients had been col-

patients who survived were examined to find whether at any time they had fulfilled the criteria for brain death. Only 127 had completely lost move-

lected for computer analysis for .not been published.
another research project. All of The report concludes: "Not them had been in comas for at only have we curselves never The clinical details of 1.003

tion was continued after brain other reflexes. death had been diagnosed in The remaining 25 had been given drugs, as part of the pro-cedure of ventilation, that were 326 cases, until eventually their hearts stopped. Again, none had known to depress reflexes or cause muscle paralysis. Drug treatment is one of the specific exclusions in the British | day.

> The surgeons admit that perhaps it was unfortunate that the evidence on which the collegus' criteria were based had

encountered recovery petient folfilling the United Eingeom brain death criteria. but even in the aftermath of the recent public controversy about this issue we have been told of no cases that were wall enough documented to be con- mended minima; but it vincing".

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Tory MPs

child benefit

Social Services Correspondent

The Government is being

pressed from its own back

benches to raise child benefits.

A deputation of Conservative

MPs and a peeress has met Sir

Geoffrey Howe, Chancellor of

the Exchequer, to urge the case

for increasing child benefits in

They want an increase of 95n

a week, raising the benefit to

£5.70 a child, to restore its value to the level in April, 1979. That would make good the fall

in value of child benefits when

they were raised last November to £4.75.

the Budger next month.

press for

increase

By Pat Healy

Efficiency the goal for | Schools may improved Civil | get EEC improved Civil Service Department

The Prime Minister spelled out her prescription vesterday Service Department after her annuncement in the Commons list month that the department had been reprieved and would not be merged with

In a White Paper published in response to a report from the Commons Select Committee on the Treasury and the Civil Service about the future of the Civil Service Department, the Government says its priority is the pursual of efficiency, particularly in the direct control of resources." The department would be reorganized to reflect that aim.

The document also discloses the preparation of a new scheme, known as "succession planning", designed to ensure that today's occupants of the highest posts in the Civil Service will be replaced by men and women chosen for their ability to control manpower and money.

The Government accepts the select committee's view that sustained ministerial interest and direction are needed if the department is to avoid past disappointments, and recog-nizes that it is "an essential instrument" in the achieve-ment of a smaller and more efficient Civil Service.

accountancy, finance and audit Treasury.

Closer links between the department, the Treasury and the work of Sir Derek Rayner, joint managing director Marks & Spencer and the Prime Minister's adviser on the dimination of waste, are to be achieved by a new body, under Treasury and not Civil Service Department chairmanship,

It has been charged with securing: (1) better planning and control of public spending programmes: (2) further development of financial responsibility and acountability by line managers in the Civil Service; (3) better matching of financial information produced for the public expenditure survey and estimates with that required for departmental management ; and 41 a strengthening of internal

audit inside departments.

The new body, whose exact composition is not disclosed in the White Paper, will be known as the financial management co-ordination group. Its chairman will be Mr Geoffrey Littler, a

Treasury deputy secretary, Sitting with him will be Mr Kenneth Sharp, head of the Government Accountancy Ser-Government Accounting an vice, Mr Clive Priestley, an vice, Mr Clive Priestley, an Sir under-secretary from Sir Derek's staff in the Cabinet Office, and Mr Jonathan Charkham.

mear of a smaller and more efficient Civil Service.

Physical reorganization has the first Report from the twenty people will be transferred when the department's Session 1980-81 (cmnd \$178, Stationery Office, \$1.40).

cheap milk this year

Agriculture Correspondent Cut-price milk financed by an EEC subsidy should be available this year to British schools.

Dr Mary Abbott, secretary of the milk committee of the union, said after a meeting ves-terday of the council of the National Farmers' Union that the milk scheme, originally due to start in the summer term, might have to wait until the autumn because of administrative complications.

Parmers and dairymen want the subsidized scheene, worth 125m a year, to start as soon as possible to replace school milk sales lost since the obligation for local authorities to provide free milk was reduced by the Education Act, 1980.

Ministers hope to announce in the spring that the scheme has been cleared in Brussels and is acceptable to British education authorities.
This year is the tenth anni-

This year is the tenth anniversary of the curs in free school milk made by Mrs Margaret Thatcher as Secretary of State for Education and Science. To qualify for the EEC subsidy Britain has to agree to pay 16m a year towards it and to channel it through the second a sericultural policy. common agricultural policy instead of the rate support

Farmers and dairymen believe rise in sales through schools offers the main hope in stem-ming the decline in milk con-sumption. Last year nine Eng-lish counties stopped distributing free school milk.



Honey and son, the first Australian Cattle Dogs to appear in the Crufts dog show for 20 years.

Injunction raised cost of new building by £1.2m, court told

Work on the building, being opposed an appeal by the can take place and the use of foundation against the injunction granted to her after a charity, would be extended by nine months because of the month. Mr Douald Keating, builders had given her 1500 as its by 11,200,000 because of a restrictions imposed on decourt injunction granted to a velopment operations, it was ocal resident, Miss Diane Hart, he actress, the Court of Appeal was told yesterday.

Work on the building, being opposed an appeal by the can take place and the use of foundation against the injunct on granted to her after a charity, would be extended by nine months hecause of the month. Mr Douald Keating, builders had given her 1500 as the injunction restricted the disturbance, but that she even hours contractors can work at the site, in Cromwell Gardens, after taking pills and drinking. The hearing continues today. The 16m cost of building an Ismail: cultural centre opposite the Victoria and Albert Museum, in London, would rise by £1,200,000 because of a court injunction granted to a local resident, Miss Diane Hart, the actress, the Court of Appeal was told yesterday.

Conservative MPs warned ministers last year that they would insist on that shortfall being made good, and rejected as insufficient ministerial statements that the value of child benefits would be maintained, subject to economic circum-stances. That view was emphasized by the deputation, led by Mr Thomas Benyon, Conserva-tive MP for Abingdon.

They said that child benefits needed to be raised both in help families and to reduce the poverty trae. Evidence pra-duced at the meeting by Miss Ruth Lister, director of the Child Poverty Action Group, indicated that a family with two children were better off earn-ing £55 a week rather than £75. The MPs said after the meeting that they had found Sir

Arts Council Foot attack defends grants action over speech

Ry Our Arts Reporter o Our Arts Reporter

Mr Kenneth Robinson, chair

Correspondent

Correspondent

Mrs Margarer Thatcher was Mr Kenneth Robinson, chairman of the Arts Council, said yesterday that having taken a decision to he more discriminating over the award of grants, he would be surprised if the council totally "reversed engines" next year and made only straight, across-the-board (Conservative MPs over the propriety of the speech on Monday by the Duke of Edinburgh on the need for the United Kingdom to possess a nuclear deterrent.

Both he and Sir Roy Shaw, the council's secretary general, were critical of the way the recent allocation of cash, including the withdrawal of grant from 41 organizatioss, had been received. Mr Robinson said there had been "a good deal of and some mis-representation.

Sir Roy said: "We did not withhold money, we redistributed it. Among the things most widely misunderstood was the alleged precipitousness of the decision to withdraw grants and the fact that there is no appeal. We had to act quickly order not to keep our lients in suspense."

In the case of one big company there had been many Pletters about its quality of work had expressed surprise

is said the Arts Council is heing very arrogant and that there should be an appeal. But there should be an appeal. But this would be true only if we had removed money. What happened is that it was withdrawn from 41 and redistributed to 46 others."

The council would be anxious, he said, to find some the top give sufficient warnings the formanies.

to companies.

on Duke

Mr Michael Hamilton, Conservative MP for Salisbury, asked the Prime Minister at her question time in the Commons whether she would send a mes-sage out of goodwill and congratulations to the Duke for his outstanding speech. He pointed out that Mr Michael Foot, Leader of the Opposition, had recently sent a message to the Salisbury branch of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament.

Mrs Thatcher replied that she was sure there were the same

was sure there were the same thoughts in elevated situations of those of the Government. Any government wishing to defend its people must see that it had sufficient nuclear weapons to deter an aggressor.

There were Conservative protests as Mr Foot remarked that the late Lord Mountbatten of Burma (in whose memory the Duke gave the lecture at Camhridge) perhaps knew more about war and nuclear weapons than even the Duke of Edin-burgh.

Mrs Thatcher replied that Mountbatten was never a uni-lateralist, nor would he ever have been, because he had too much regard for the liberties of this country.

Club doorman is cleared of disco killing

Henry Doneghey, a club door-man, was cleared by a jury at the Central Criminal Court resterday of the manslaughter of a man while evicting him

If a man while evicting him from a disco club.

The victim, Mr John Sands, iged 30, a painter, of Cranworth Sardens, Stockwell, South Longidon, had been trying to let riends into the club, the Music Machine, in Camden High Street, through an exit door Street, through an exit door shihout paying. Mr Michael loombe, for the prosecution,

been issued at the court last becomes, for the prosecution, taid.

Mr Doneghey, aged 39. of Grafton Road, Kentish Town, was removing Mr Sands when the fell to the floor. He died voluntarily after his arrest on a warrant in the United States on January 27.

Former casino director on 40 charges

A former assistant managing director of Coral Casinos, who was arrested by FBI agents in was arrested by FBI agents in San Francisco last month, at Marlborough Street Magistrates' Court, yesterday faced 40 charges of theft from gaming clubs, forgery, false accounting and criminal deception involving about £584,000.

Alan George Watts, aged 40, was remanded on bail of £20,000 until March 12. A warrant had been issued at the court last

'Missing link' attacked as new M20 section opens

A new section of the M20 mid-Kent motorway which will ink London with the Channel rarts opens today amid contro-'ersy over a 15-mile missing ink" between Maidstone and Ashford.

Mr Anthony Hart, chairman f Kent County Council planning and transportation described the overnment's decision to susend work on that stretch as udicrous. There has also been friticism from industry and

priorities wrong, extending the motorway system to declining ports like Hull, Grimsby and Immingham, while ignoring Dover, where traffic had more

than doubled since 1970. He is performing the opening ceremony today on the new 4.6-mile section of the M20 from West Kingsdown to Addington, which completes an unbroken 21-mile stretch from Swanley, on the edge of Lon-don, to south of Madstone.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Parlia mentary Under-Secretary for Transport, said: "The Govern-Hart said yesterday that M20 gap will be closed. It is he Government had got its only a question of timing."

Attempt to repeal 1824

y Our Social Services

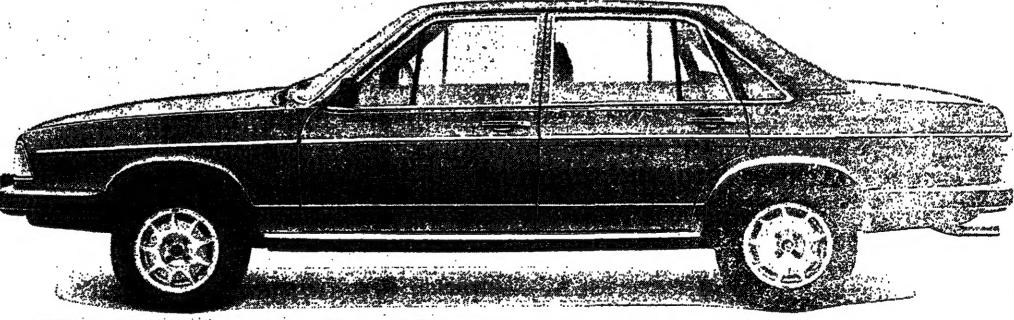
An all-party group of MPs re to attempt to repeal vagrany offences dating back to 1824. hev will introduce a 10inute rul Bill on February 4 and seek to amend the Critinal Attempt Bill, which will utlaw the present "sus" law. Mr Albert Stallard, Labour 1P for Camden, St Pancrass, forth, who will introduce the new Bill, saye in a statement

today that the punitive legislation of 1824 should not be the answir to unemployment and

homelessness in 1981. It is unerly wrong that a 150-year-old law can still be used to brand as criminals people who only need a place sicen or are poor and

The offences cover sleeping rough, begging and being found on enclosed premises ". In 1979, 268 people were imprisoned under the law.

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WEST EUROPE.

their detention,

There were no facilities in he 46 bomb attacks, which

caused extensive damage to

Harbour for sale: The picturesque harbour of Porthgain, Dyfed, which, with much of the adjoining village, is for sale by tender. For some seventy years it had a thriving trade in slates and gravite. Commercial operations

property also includes six cottages listed as of architectural interest, two houses, former port and quarry build-ings, and some six and a half acres of

ceased in 1931 but it is still popular grazing, through which passes the with yachtsmen and fishermen. The Pembrokeshire coast footpath. The property also includes six cottages harbour and quayside structures are scheduled ancient monuments. The tenants' families have lived in the area for generations.

Post Office curbs to remain

By Patricia Tisdall Manageent Correspondent

Strict restrictions will remain on services post offices can offer accross the counter. An attempt to allow them to sell theatre tickets or any other form of private sector gnods or services was defeated in committee yesterday.

An amendment to the Tele-communications Bill introduced by Mr Gregor Mackenzie, Labour MP for Rutberglen, and Mr Charles Morris, Labour MP for Manchester, Openshaw, was opposed by the Government side on the ground that it could create unfair competition for private traders.

Mr Michael Marshall, Under-Secretary of State for Industry that if post offices were free to sell, for eample, air tickets, it could be considered unfair competition to travel agents.

As it stands, the Bill gives post offices considerably more flexibility in the range of gnods they can offer. It enables them to carry out work for any other nationalized industry and not just for government denoted. just for government departments. It also lists other specified bodies for whom transactions can be carried out across post office counters.

But even those limited extensions of scope for new business are subject to explicit consent from the Secretary

State for Industry.

Post Office Corporation executives, however, believe that the extensions as listed in the Bill give them sufficient scope to recoup the business the corporation expects to lose from proposed changes in social security benefit payments.

An amendment was tabled to Clause 55 of the Bill which describes the powers and duties of the Post Office, which is to be separated from the activities

University entry hard for would-be vets

By Diana Geddes Education Correspondent

Veterinary science remains medicine would come only the most difficult subject on equal eighth with art and which to enter university. design. published yesterday by the Universities Central Council on Admission show that only one in five applicants who put veterinary science as their first choice were accepted at British universities last autumn.

The A level grades of the 1980 candidates are not yet available, but those for 1979 show that more than three-quarters of the successful veterinary science applicants achieved at least two grade Bs and an A. Only a quarter of all first degree entrants achieved those grades or better.

those grades or better.

The next most "difficult" subject according to A level grades was medicine, with 60 percent of successful candidates having two Bs and an A or better. However, if judged by the proportion of applicants

being accepted for the subject of their choice, one in three,

Competition for places in a particular subject seems to be a poor guide to its "difficulty" for university entry. Classics, for example, comes bottom in that list, with 82 per cent of applicants gaining places in their preferred subject, but third in the list of successful candidates with high A level grades.

Education, on the other hand, appears to be a very difficult subject on which to enter. The accompanying chart ranks subjects according to the proportion of successful candidates with high A level grades. UCCA Eighteenth report, 1979/80 (E1).

Education, on the other hand,

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NCCL policy on closed shop 'unchanged'

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Midlands, for refusing to join a union, has caused some surprise.

The national council has been known to be equivocal or rather, agnostic, about the closed shop at its last two meetings and concluded that the issue raises conflicts of

known to be equivocal or rather, agnostic, about the closed shop agnostic, about the closed snop in the past and questions were civil liberties which can be raised yesterday about what had happened to change its mind. The Times quoted the group as expressing the same sort of sentiments as Mc Norris join a union, as against the McWhirter, deputy chairman of

Army arson charge

Gunner Robert Patrick Lang-

don, aged 20, of 32 Guided

Weapons Regiment, was reman-

ded in custody until next Monday by magistrates at Salisbury,

Wiltshire, yesterday accused of

arson at the officers' mess,

where he worked as a waiter.

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By Lucy Hodges
The reported support of the National Council for Civil Liberties for Miss Joanna Harris, who was dismissed by Sandwell council, in the West Midlands for refusing to icis

the issue raises conflicts of civil liberties which can be

join a union, as against the right of people at work, on the the Freedom Association.

Miss Patricia Hewitt, the gether to improve their posicular council's general secretary, said tion. Most of the big trade tection.

had a religious objection or where a closed shop was introduced and any of the existing employees did not want to join the union, they should not be

the union, they should not be made to.

Miss Harris, who worked for Sandwell before the closed shop agreement came: Into effect, was dismissed when she refused to join.

The council takes a different

line on new employees joining lands to take extra precautions an organization which has a closed shop agreement. They should not be entitled to protection.

lands to take extra precautions to safeguard their civic regalia, including mayors' gold chains of office, after a series of thefts.

police, of Ashton Way, Epsom, July 18, 1980, and February 9

He is further charged that on February 9 at West Brompton Underground statio with intent to deceive he impersonated a police officer; and on the same occasion failed to pay a 70p fare.

Woman dies after attack by dogs

Mrs Dorothy Dow, aged 72, of Beechfield Road, Erith, Kent, who was savaged by two Doberman dogs while out shopping on Monday, has died in hospital after a heart attack.

She was one of 11 people bitten by the dogs. Police said:

Police inquiry

Sea speeding fine

Police are urging town hall staffs in the North and Mid-

In brief

Former police chief remanded

James Collie, aged 56, a former chief superintendent of Surrey, was remanded on bail until February 26 at West London Magistrates' Court yesterday charged that between last he stole a Metropolitan. Police warrant card valued at £1 belonging to the Metropolitan

to match other funds providing community-based projects to help to prevent delinquency.

Andouncing the extra funds at the launching vesterday of Leicester Action for Youth Trust, Sir George Young, Under-Secretary of State for Health, said recent statistics showed a noticeable reduction in juvenile crime.

A complaint against Mr Harry Atkinson, an assistant thief constable of Avon and Somerset Police, is being investigated, the police disclosed yesterday. He is recovering from an operation.

William Mann, of Ladybank Hall, Dimple Dale, West York-shire, was fined £100 by Brighton magistrates yesterday for speeding off the coast at Brighton in a jet-powered boat.

Civic regalia warning

Minister denies that Nationality Bill is aimed at 'births in transit lounges'

By Philip Webster Parliamentary Staff

The Government's decision to epart in the British Nationality Bill from the principle that every child born in the United Kingdom has an automatic right to British citizenship was defended yesterday by Mr Timothy Raison, Minister of State, Home Office, as sound and being based on common sense and the realities of modern times.

He said that there were a wide range of circumstances in which there was no justification for continuing to allow children born in the United Kingdom to have citizenship unless one of the parents was subsequently accepted for

At the Commons standing committee on the Bill he said that such circumstances coveted the couple in Britain for a short stay when a birth took place unexpectedly, people like students who were in the country for long periods but still temporarily, and people who had remained in breach of

Government felt was that allowing birth to confer citizenship on such children would mean that after they had gone home their own children, born overseas years later, would be

British citizens by descent.
Additional British citizens
would be created "in some
numbers" who had little or no connexion with the United Kingdom, He denied that the Government was aiming its pro-posals at "births in transit lounges and at public monu-

To Opposition demands for suformation on the numbers involved, Mr Raison said he would not claim that any accurate figures existed. Nor would be argue that the figures were very relevant. The point was mainly one of principle, but even if the figures were as small as some had suggested they would still mount over the veers with the effect of an increase in Britain's potential immigration commitment. Mr Raison disclosed, however,

entry conditions, or who had that admissions of foreign entered illegally. nationals rose from about The main uneasiness the \$50,000 in 1953 to more than nationals rose from about \$50,000 in 1953 to more than 10 times that number in 1979.

In the latter year there were nearly 12 million admissions of Commonwealth citizens and foreign nationals, most of whom were visitors, but there were also 120,000 students and 18,000 work permit holders with their dependants 40,000 other people were given leave to enter for 12 months and 7,000 au pairs were admitted. In the 12 months ended in

September, 1980, about 1,500 September, 1980, about 1,500 illegal entrants were detected, compared with 900 in the previous 12 months. It was plain, Mr Raison sald, that the number of people given leave to enter the country had in recent

was still considering the first Opposition amendment, moved on Tuesday, aimed at reestablishing the principle of auto-matic right to citizenship.

fusing concessions to the autotionists.

The attacks were meant to
denionstrate that, in spite of a
wave of arrests, the autonomists' network throughout the
island was unimpaired.

Last night's attacks were, as
usual, aimed ut public buildings; banks shops, and the property of Freuchmen from the
mainland or Algeria, as well as
motor vehicles. In Ajaccio, for
instance, the flat of the tax
inspector was badly demaged
as well as the law courts, the
central tax offices and a
restaurant.

court passes prison sentences on autonomists At Sagone, in the south, the years used a combination of post office, a service station and the stick and the carrot, subsequently parlett were the sides and economic induce-targets. In Propriato the local ments. But the autonomists'

office of the gas and electricity board, a symbol of French "colonialism" for the autonotainty and fear. mists, was damaged. In the trial which ended yes-terday after nearly a month of hearings, the chief public pro-The villa and a camping ground belonging to Parisians were parily destroyed near Calvi, in the north. At Saint Plorent, a bank was singled out

Forty-six bomb attacks blast Corsica after

Florent, a bank was singled out for two bomb attacks while at Biguglia, south of Bastia, three commercial premises which had already been damaged by explosives last year, received the autonomists' attention.

There seems no possibility of breaking out of the vicious circle of agitation and repression. Although the activists among the autonomists are in a tiny minority of the island—with the French Covernment maintaining that there is no cause to make the political toncessions—they enjoy the

cause to make the political concessions—they enjoy the passive support of many of their fellow islanders.

They hold a deep grievance against the Government in Paris, a feling of injured pride exacerbated by economic difficulties, lack of job opportunities in Corsica, and the high fate of themployment which compels young Corsichas to go into "exile" in France in search of work. earch of work.
The Government has for

ments. But the autonomists' agitation persists even if it is only a marginal phenomenon and creates a climate of uncer-

secutor, in his summing up, struck a moderate note. He insisted that "the law derives its strength from restraint. If not follow in their footsteps". The men were in court for their part in the so-called Bas-telica affair of January last year, when about 200 armed auton-

ohists surrounded the village near Ajaccio and held three men whom they accused of be-ing members of the "Francia" anti-autohomist organization, and agents provocateurs of the Government.

Two days later riot police cleared the village without firing a shot but 30 autonomists made a successful geraway and harricaded themselves in an Ajaccio hotel, where they held a dozen people. The hotel was invaded after a 48-hour siege by men of the special antigang squad, without loss of life. But in the streets of the city, two young Corsicans were shot Government.

two young Corsicans were shot and a policeman was killed. and a policeman was killed. The trial opened on January

because of the hunger strike staged by six of the eight men who had been committed to prison awaiting trial! (the others) had been freed on bail) in support of their demand for

the status of political prisoners. But they had decided to end; their hunger strike in order to give evidence about the activities of members of anti autonomist organizations acting as agents of the authorines.
Counsel for the defence made a clear distinction between the Union of the Corsican People the legal autonomist movement to which the accused belonged, and the terrorists of the separitist Corsican National Liberation

They pleaded ligitimate self-defence against a "terrorist anni-autonomist commando" and asked for the case to be dis-missed. The prosecutor appeared to accept this in part when he said that the "real instigators of the Bastelica case are not in court".

The case against three men alleged to be members of the anti-autonomist commando at Bastelica is being suvestigated separately. If they are brought to trial it will do much to undermine the autonomists contention that French justice applies double standards rival groups of agitators.

SPD closes

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the Government in Bonn. It ended by admonishin

Constantine supporters seize royal coffin

From Our Own Correspondent Athens, Feb 12 King Constantine, the fromer King Constantine, the fromer King of the Hellens, returned to Greece today for the first time in 13 years, to bury his mother, Queen Frederika, in the family graveyard of Tatoi, and left five hours later to resume his life in exile.

service provoked an exuberant outburst from one group of yoding supporters who seized the coffin and took it to the church,

while another group carried the former King shoulder high.
At one point, when the crowd started chanting royalist songs started chanting royalist songs and anti-government slogans, the former king urged them to keep quiet. The police had evidently orders not to interfere during the service, although there was a great deal of pushing and screaming.

His brief visit touched off a heated political controversy that caught the Greek Government between opposition charges that

between opposition charges that it was violating the constitution, and protests from the royal family over the restrictions imposed at the funeral.

The body of Queen Frederika, the former queen mother, was

She was one of 11 people bitten by the dogs. Police said:
"It seems the dogs went crazy when they were let out."

Extra money to fight delinquency
The Government is to make £150,000 more available to the Intermediate Treatment Fund to match other funds providing

abroad after his abortive counter-coup against the military dictatorship in December, 1976. Seven years later, with the downfall of the junta, a popular referendum on the monarchy resulted in a two-to-

one vote against him.

There was no fanfare and no guard of honour. He was met by Mr Constantine Mitsotakis, the Foreign Minister, who was there to greet members of foreign royal families



For her only son, King Con-stantine, this was his first King Constantine falls to his knees on reaching Greek soil homecoming since his flight after a 13-year exile.

effort to minimize the political but leave as so excitement over this visit and mony was over. fearing that monarchist manifestations could provoke counroyal family was allowed to in-

The Greek Government, in an not remain in Greece overnight,

Oher members of reigning ter-demonstrations and riots, royal, houses who arrived declared the district of Tatoi privately included the Duke of out of bounds to anyone except Edinburgh, who flew in on a few score guests that the board a two-engined RAF airroyal, houses who arrived

but leave as soon as the cere-

craft of the Queen's Flight. Princess Juliana of the Nether-At the same time it insisted lands, Prince Albert of Belgium that King Constantine should and other European royalty.

Leniency likely for returned terrorist

From Patricia Clough Bonn, Feb 12 Michael Baumann, the second reformed terrorist to be found living in London, faces mist in West Berlin on five charges including bank robbery, bomb at-tacks and attempted murder, But justice officials thought it likely that his public appeals to former comrades to "throw your guns away" and his changed ways would lead to a mild sentence if he was convicted. "Judges are obliged to compile the complete of the compile to the compile of the compile the compile

consider not only the crime it-self, but other factors, such as whether the person has re-pented, one official said. Herr Baumann is being kept in Mozbir prison, Berlin, after returning voluntarily last night from London. The West German

Federal Criminal Office dec-lined to say whether it had pro-vided the information which had led to the arrest of Herr

criminal office confirmed that detectives from their highly specialist terrorist search squad He also published a book in had flown to London on receiv- 1978 entitled How it All Began ing word of bis arrest on Tues-day and that investigations into his contacts were continuing.

Herr Baumann, is charged with membership of a criminal organization, participation in the attempted rescue of two women terrorists from prison. several bank robberies and bomb attacks against the British Yacht Club and two British cars in Berlin.

He is also accused of the at-fempted murder of a policeman during a gunfight in which a comrade was shor. It was the death of this comrade, Herr Georg, von Rauch, which in-duced Herr Baumann to re-nounce terrorism. While the police sought him

had led to the arrest of Herr in vain, he gave interviews in sentence because she had Baumann.

West German magazines and already spent two thirds of it But officials from the even on relevision—appealing in jail.

to his comrades to give up their fight.

which described why he joined the June 2 Movement, a Berlin terrorist group, and why he later changed his mind. Frau Astrid Proll, another re-

formed terrorist arrested in London about two years ago, was held up as an example by the Interior Ministry in an unsuccessful campaign to induce repentant terrorists to give themselves up.

Her sentence—five and a half years for bank robbery and falsifying documents—was in no way lenient and the court explained that although the had changed her lifestyle, she had not expressly disassociated herself from terrorism. But she was pardoned the rest of her

each other in public and warring left-wingers that individual cannot assume the authority t lecide what party policy shoul

The executive reiterated th party's and Government's suj party's and Government's swiport of the Nato decision to station new medium-ranging nuclear missiles in Europ coupled with negotiations with the Soviet Union on reducing their numbers. It emphasize that the Government would press for a de facto observated of the Salt 2 treaty on strateg arms limitation and a continuition of the "Salt process".

tion of the "Salt process". Some left wingers had begationing the party's columitment to the dual Nato details been given on the understanders.

been given on the understanding that Salt 2 would be fall fied by the United States Congress, which it has not.

On the disputed subject nuclear energy it recalled the the party gave priority energy saving measures. coal-fuelled stations and development of alternations sources of energy. Nucleanergy should be used on when needs cannot be met all other way.

other way.

It attempted to deal with the controversial question of the Brokdorf nuclear power statistical near Hamburg by saying that fitted in with party policy; but so would its replacement several coal-fuelled stations.

It made no direct mention the possible arms exports to Sau possible arms exports to Saute Arabia, on which the Chang lor and many SPD members

US sceptical about results of Madrid talks

From Richard Wigg Madrid, Feb 12

The European Security conference entered. today into the drafting sage of its final communique in keep-ing with its time table. But the delegates from the 35 countries that signed the Helsinki Final Act disclosed as everyone suspected, that they had precious little ready to communicate to each other and they promptly adjourned.

Even an agenda for beginning this final stage of what has been throughout an ill-starred meeting bocause of ilegal entrants detected.

When the committee adjourned until next week it was still considering the climate has not yet been fully agreed. In the corridors there was still considering the climate has not yet been fully agreed. In the corridors there was still considering the climate has not yet been fully agreed. In the corridors there was talk of things have a second considering the climate and the considering the climate has not yet been fully agreed. was talk of Mings being in the doldrums. Mr Leonid Hyichev, a Deputy Soviet Minister of Foreign Affairs, was expecting

the conference might still produce. .

One of the two working groups which today had so little to say for itself was precisely the one charged with a follow-up meeting to Madrid in order to keep the Helsinki process alive.

Today's session took place under the impact of a tough speech delivered late yesterday basic tase for scepticism mutual conflidence, towards the Russians insistence that the Madrid meeting Mr Kampelman commended to must end with agreement to others the French draft's

In a single sentence Mr Kampelman made it clear how little appropriate the United to return to Moscow to await States judged the present junc- of his speech to explaining why any significant developments turn in international relations the Societ-supported Polish

must now strengthen its armed Mr Kampelman has evidently not yet received his instructions

from the new Reagan Administration on the stand the United States will take over the French disarmament proposal, tabled before Christmes and now speech delivered late yesterday before Christmes and now Afghanistan, its determined by Mr Max Kampelman, the supported in varying degrees and continuing military expenses and continuing military ex plenary session with Mr The proposal is limited in scope llyichey in the chair. Mr to measures concerning land Kampelman restated the West's forces that could build up

hold a disarmament conference. emphasis on measures of real significance, verifiable, and ex-tending to the Ural mountains. . Mr. Kampelman devoted mo.n

for any serious disarmament proposal for a conference in effort: "My country has military disarmament proposal for a conference in effort: "My country has military disarmament proposal for a conference in effort it detente was wholly unaccess." able.

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white extremist

Johannesburg, Feb 12

detonators and weapons.

The Wit Kommando is alleged

Lombard of Pretoria University and Professor Franz Maritz of

the University of South Africa. The explosion at Professor

Lombard's office came after the

publication of a set of propo-

whites, Indians and blacks. Professor Maritz's offices were

blown up after he had appeared as a defence witness at the recent "Silverton bank siege"

trial in Pretoria during which

he compared the rise of black nationalism to the development

of Afrikaner nationalism and gave warning that a "man who

sits in jail today may tomorrow

the Wit Kommando include a

bomb explosion last month out-

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Other

Germans infuriated by Dry humour | South Africans claim British stance on EEC fishing policy

The collapse in the carly hours of this morning of the umpteenth attempt by EEC ministers of agriculture to agree on a common fisheries policy has seciously strained Britain's relations with West Germany.

Mr Peter Walker, infuriated West German counterpart, Herr Josef Ertl, by refusing to approve an agreement with Canada that would allow EEC boats to fish off Labrador in return for tariff reductions on Canadian sea food exports to the Community.

The agreement poses prob lems in that most of the Canadian fish would be sold on the already depressed British market, but Mr Walker's main reason for withholding approval was to retain a bargaining counter in the dispute over the EEC's internal fisheries regime. Under the agreement some 14,500 tonnes of fish, maily cod. could be caught by EEC boats in Canadian waters. West German trawlermen, who get the bulk of this catch, are angry and frustrated at being denied such a valuable haul.

The Germans say that unless their fishermen can get into Canadian waters by the beginning of March at the latest the Recement's value will be much reduced hecause after that date icehergs make fishing

dangerous.

Herr Errl is convinced that the British are now maintain ing their vero the Canadian greement out of sheer malice Reference out of sneer mance accused Mr Walker of "ungenitemanly conduct" and said he was an "even more unpleasant negotiator than Mr John Silkin, the previous Agriculture Minister and noted anti-markgreen.

The Germans were not the only ones to be irritated by Mr Walker's performance. When talks broke down last December, most of the blame

was a lot more sympathy for the French point of view last

In the eyes of the Germans an othe French, at least, there was a clear link betwene last May's agreement on Britain's EEC budget refund and an early solution to the fisheries dispute, and it was being openly suggested yesterday that Britain had reneged on its part of the bargain.

The atmosphere is bound to be much more difficult when agriculture ministers meet again on March 9 and 10. There is a danger that the whole dis-pute will become caught up in the annual negotiations on farm dential elections only a month away, M Daniel Hoeffel, the French Fisheries Minister, will find it even harder to offer

The one glimmer of light is that the ministers of agriculture, for the first time this week, started to look at ways of week started to look at ways of sanisfying Mr Walker's most contentious demand—that access of continental fishing vessels to British coastal waters should be physically controlled. The gap between Britain and France, the two main protagonists, on the rules that should govern fishing within 12 miles of the British coast has

miles of the British coast has narrowed. The French can probably accept that this zone should be reserved essentially for British boats provided the French can maintain a reason-able level of traditional fishing

there.

But much more difficult is the British demand for a bass on boats more than 80ft long in areas beyond 12 miles off the north of Scotland and in the Irish Sea. The French say that beyond 12 miles the rules of free access must be guaran-teed. The Dutch-sponsored compromise—a system of licensing—misfired mainly through lack of detailed preparation.

OVERSEAS

causes unlikely row

From Michael Leapman New York, Feb 12

New Yorkers are seldom content without some intangible dread to worry about and they have been working themselves into a rare fret about the prospect of a spring-drought. Nerves are so frayed that Mr Edward Koch, the Mayor, has found himself in an unlikely slanging match with the citizens of Greenwich, Connecti-

All over the north-eastern United States, after an arid autumn and winter, reservoirs are at less than a third of their capacity. Heavy rain yesterday took some of the edge from the doom-watching, but more rain-fall is needed before fears are truly dampened.

Posters and advertisements have been urging us to save all we can-to have smaller baths and shorter showers. Mr Kech has been filmed shaving from a basin instead of under a running tap, and he has invented a rude little rhyme whose import is to encourage less frequent flushing of the

lavatory. Carried enthusiasm, the mayor warned us all of the fate of the poor people of Greenwich, whose reservoirs are even emptier than ours. People there don't take showers every day any more", he said.
"It's getting so you can tell when someone comes from Greenwich, Connecticut, We

Greenwich, Connecticut. We don't want that to happen in New York City."

The clear implication is that people from Greenwich stink —and they were swift to react. Had there been enough water, they would have worked themselves into a rare lather.

The mayor protested that he

had meant no harm, that he bad merely been trying to dramatize the situation to bring home its gravity. "A little home its gravity. "A little humour makes the pain bearhe explained. Mr Koch is up for reelection this year and it is lucky that the citizens of Greenwich do not have a vote. Otherwise he

would, in the local patois, take

group is broken up sul in Port Elizabeth and bombs af two non-racial drive in The South African authori-

been expressed by a operate a cell system similar to underground insurgent organiz-ations, wear black bonness and capes to symbolize the era of darkness which they believe is in Durban, a bomb attack on taking over the country.

ties believe they have smashed cinemas.

A number of prominent blacks, among them Bishop Desan extreme right-wing organization which for the past 18 mond Tutu, general-secretary of months has been carrying out a campaign of bombings and the South African Council of Churches have received threat-ening letters from the Wir-Kom-mando and a number of Coloureds and Indians living in intimidation against verligte (liberal) academics, non-racial institutions, black leaders and blacks living illegally in white twilight areas of Johannesburg urban areas. Mr. Louis Le Grange, Minister have been warned that their homes would be blown up if of Police, announced earlier this they did not move not by end of this week. week that the security police had detained four leading sus-White extremist organiza

pects of an organization known as the Wit Kommando (White tions are not new to South Africa. Some have had dis-Commando) and that they were hoping for another arrest in the Africa. Some have had distinguished members. The Ossewa Brandwag which carried out a campaign of bombings and terror during the Second World War counted My John Vorster, the former Prime Minister, and General Hendrik van den Bergh, former head of the Bureau of State Among those detained was Mr B. Fotheringham, leader of the National Front in South Africa which has close links with its British counterpart. Mr Le Grange also said that police had uncovered a large head of the Bureau of State Security among its members. armoury of modern explosives. For a number of years an organization known as Scorpio terrorized white liberals, to have been responsible for a whole series of violent incidents in recent months. These include bomb explosions in the mainly in the Cape region Some of the Government's most outspoken critics, such as Mr. offices of two prominent Afri-kaans academics, Professor Jan Helen Joseph, have been the constant targets of threatening telephone calls, "dirty" tricks and gun attacks.

What is significant about the new wave of white extremism. however, is that it is increas-ingly directed at Afrikaans, rather than English speaking white liberals and that it comes sals by him for a multiracial dispensation in Natal involving at a time when there is a grow right wing reaction against Government's cautiously reformist policies.

This mood of white reaction

recently created women's organization known as the Kappiekommandos. The Kappiekommandos, who are said to number about 7,000 and who

M François Mitterrand, the French Socialist leader, walking beside the Great Wall of China. He is spending a week in the country

Legal snag for Britons held in Iran

Iran's Supreme Court leader. said today that there was still a legal difficulty to be settled. fore four jailed Britons could

be freed.

"There is one more question that should be explained and (made) clear, and after that they can release them". Ayatollah Beheshn, who also heads the powerful Islamic Republican Party, said. Be added: "I don't think (it is) anything serious".

The four Britons, Dr Joha and Dr Audrey Coleman Miss lean Waddell, who are mis-

and Dr Audrey Coleman, Miss Jean Waddell, who are mis-sionaries and Mr Andrew Pyke, businessmen have been impri-soned by the Iradian authori-

Last week Ayarollah Behe decision concerning the cases of the four. He indicated roday, however, that while that deci-sion had been taken—and allegations of spying appeared to be included in this a fur-ther legal difficulty had

cropped up.

Specaking in English he would only answer three of our questions before he was spirited secretly out of the mosque to avoid the crowds that continued to wait for him. He said the outstanding problem will in-volved a question of their

"guilt", a sign that more than a mere legal technicality was in-

But he also said that the need to clear the difficulty up arose from a fear that, if it was left outstanding the authorities con-

Ayarollah Beheshti added that bh had not been able to meet Mr Terry Waite, representative of the Archbishop of Canterbury, who has been conducting secret negotiations for the Briton's release

But he said: "I have told the authorizies in the revolutionary court that they should try to (hand over) these four to this

Food lorries held up by fishermen's barricades

From Patricia Clough Bonn, Feb 12

Angry West GGerman fishermen today stopped lorryloads of French, Danish and Dutch fish reaching processing factories at Bremerhaven in pro-test at th efailure of the Brus-

sels negotiations. By mid afternoon eight refrigerator lorries were held up at harricades of fish crates set up by the fishermen on the approach roads to the harbour. The fishermen said they would put up similar road blocks to-night around Cuxhaven, West ermany's other big deep sea

fishing port.

Some of the fish had been brought in to make up for the lack of GGerman fish caused by the delays in Brussels.

Yesterday the fishermen necupied the locks at the entrance to the harbour and preentering. They hinted that they might establish road blocks on the border with Den-mark, thought to be partly re-sponsible for the lack of agree-ment. "We will first find out They hinted that who is the bogeyman of Europe and then consider further measures", a spokesman said. The fishermen said that if the German deep sea fishing vessels

From Peter Nichols Milan, Feb 12 This was one of those rare

This was one of those rare occasions on which what happened was less important than that it happened at all. General Carlo Alberto Dalla Chiesa, will the most celebrated scourge of Italian terrorists, talked publicly in Milan about his work and about himself.

He called for the setting up if a single organization with a ingle approach to the two problems of the Mafia and terrorism. In his 40 years with the tarabinieri, the general has personally faced both.

He admitted today that he learly saw himself as the model or the carabinieri officer in one of Leonardo Sciascia's novels thout the Mafia. But he is best mown for his brief year at the

mown for his brief year at the lead of the carabinier's anti-errorist squad, a post created or him in the summer of 1978

or him in the summer of 1978 is part of an effort to convince cublic opinion that something is being done after the surder by terrorists of Signor scido More, the former Prime is a second conservation of the care is a special functions of anti-terrorism. The post was not somether division of the care-

Horthern division of the cara-eInieri which has 27,000 men and is based here. He still holds his command.

ig his reputation in the past was
he vigour and dedication, a cerpin impetuosity, a notable
bility to win loyalty and a prerespect for the greatest possible
ligree of secrecy. He did not,
confirmed today, give his

ect telephone number even

hay was the day the secrecy

The general agreed to be long-relewed for television by honor Enro Biagi, a well-known

Italian police chief lifts secrecy

Single unit is proposed

to tackle twin evils .

had to return from their present fishing grounds off Canada and eastern Greenland for lack of further quotas they would blockade the big north German

In Hamburg, seven offshore fishing vessels today blockaded the Elbe in protest at the pollu-

British priority; In spite of the breakdown of fishing talks in Brussels a few hours earlier, Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, Miniater of State for Agriculture and Fisheries yesterday spelt policy (Our parliamentary staff

"The overall objective is try to get a better balance throughout the Community between fishing opportunities and catching effort", he told the

tion of the river

out the Government's priorities for when the EEC finally arrives at a common fisheries

House of Commons considering the Fisheries Bill. To do that they must first

Zimbabwe plan to

look at scrapping grants to deal with that section of the British fishing fleet which no longer had opportunities open to it, and, secondly, they would lay strong emphasis on grants for modernization, improvement and building new vessels.

writer and journalist. They in-vited a small group of guests to listen and then to continue

over lunch with this process of revealing the general's true

Talking about his work against the terrorists, he said that he did not think Italian

attract aid

From Stephen Taylor Salisbury, Feb 12
The Zimbabwe Government today outlined a three-year

economic plan as a prejude to a conference of aid donors due to be held here next month, when it hopes to obtain \$221,200m (about £800m) in foreign capital for land and development replicate. development projects.

Announcing the scheme, Mr
Bernard Chidzero, Minister of
Economic Planning and Development, said Zimbabwe needed

"a single massive injection of aid" to overcome inequalities to overcome inequalities and set it on the road to prosperity.
While the Lancaster House greement leading to Zimbah wes' independence recognized the need for such a programme it had not set out the methods for mobilising aid and. Mr Chidzero said, the response of Chidzero said, the response of the international community had so far been disappointing. This point has been made frequently by ministers here, notably by Senator Enos Nkala, Minister of Finance, who told the House of Assembly recently that Zimbabwe was "at war" with Britain over aid.

with Britain over aid.

Foreign governments have so far promised Zimbabwe a total of \$Z195.9m in grants and loans. Of the \$Z131m pledged in grants, about 40 per cent has been received while less than 1 per cent of about \$Z65m expected in loans has been received.

Mr Chidzero described the conference—to which 45 nations and representatives of the EEC, the World Bank, the IMF, Opec and the African Development

and the African Development Bank have been invited—as the "most significant challenge to mankind since World War

Japan's loss of

as punishment

Moscow, Feb 12.—Japan has no claim to the Kurile Islands

no claim to the Kurile Islands because the loss of those territories was "the punishment it deserved" after the Second World War, the Soviet weekly New Times said today.

It condemned the "anti-Soviet clamour" of demonstrations held in Japan earlier this week, adding: "The principle of the immutability of post-wur frontiers is the most important condition of lasting peace."

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that he old not think italian terrorism was different in kind from that elsewhere except for the Italian emotionalism—"A kind of drug which we carry around with us. A light drug but it is there." Two".

"Our claims are not begging", Mr Chidzero said. The country had the resources and country had the resources and infrastructure to enable it, with the right aid at the outset, to become a future donor to other Third World countries.

Black editors named: The appointment of three blacks in place of whites as editors of Zimbabwe's three main newspapers was announced by the Zimbabwe Newspapers Group today. On the question of inspira-tion from abroad for Italian terrorism he said: "When there are two powers—two worlds—opposed to each other, it would be absurd to think rhat both sides would not be active in the search for a theatre in which to pursue certain strategies in economic and political fields."

Zimbabwe Newspapers Group today.

Mr Robin Drew, editor of The Herald is to be replaced by Mr Farayi Munyuki, publicity secretary in the United States for Mr Munyuki bas written for the Times of Zambia and the Zambia Daily Mail.

Mr Sandy Robertson, editor of the Bulawapo Chronicle, is to be replaced by Mr Tommy Sithole, former chief reporter on the Daily News in Tauzania, and Mr Willie Musarurwa, former publicity secretary for Mr Nkomo will take over from Mr Eric Richmond as editor of the Sunday Meil.—Reuner. political fields".

His humanity began to emerge clearly when he talked of the value of repentance among terrorists. A young man might become a terrorist almost in spite of himself, being forced to take a new step by his lander with every new operato take a new step by his leaders with every new operation until he had reached the point of killing his first victim. The general felt there must be terrorists seeking "liberation" from what they had done expiation, a way to save themselves and others. He had always supported measures which would encourage repentance.

He made only one distinction He made only one distinction between 'right-wing and left-wing terrorism. The right had a cultural background "sparse in content and poorly digested, so much so that it leads to a more noticeable degree of danger because of its unpredictability and immediacy. The left The telephone number even in his children.

The was the first military in the was the first military in the postwar demonstrate for himself in the public line even if he himself is the lost to deny any political solutions. Indeed, talking to line it was noticeable how great it is formal respect for the line in the point and any was the day the secrety

ability and immediacy. The left on the other hand has an ideological strain on which it based a strategy of violence against the state's institutions. Had we made any mistakes? Well he might have made one by coming here today he sugby coming here today he suggested . . but hardly. Apart from some nervous handwringing at the beginning, he carried off the occasion with a mixture of sentiment and decision.

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Moscow takes unusual Poles asked step of publishing diplomatic reply to US

Washington, Feb 12

The State Department said today that it "regretted" that the Soviet Union had chosen to take "the unusual step" of publishing the text of a long that the state of a long that t rublishing the text of a long confidential letter from Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, to Mr Alexander Halg, his new American counterpart.

. The letter, copies of which were issued to news organiza-tions in Washington by the Information Department of the Soriet Embassy late yesterday, refuted charges made about Soviet behaviour in Iran, Poland and Afghanistan.

It also accused Washington of numerous bellicose actions, in-cluding "distortion" of Soviet motives and "open interfer-ence" in Poland.

Explaining the State Department's reaction to the sudden and unprecedented Soviet move, a spokesman said that Washington considered "confidentiality essential to the conduct of diplomacy". He added that "for that reason" the State Department would not be releasing copies of a letter sent by Mr Haig on January 24 to which the published letter from Mr Gromyko was a reply.

None of the points contained in the Soviet Foreign Minister's letter were particularly new or unexpected.

But the decision by the Moscow authorities, who nor-mally place great importance on confidentiality and secrecy to publish in full a diplomatic Soviet official was seen here as a sign of Russian deep concern about the present state of Soviet-American relations. President Reagan and Mr Haig have had harsh things to say about Soviet behaviour since taking office last month.

In an introduction to the state, the Soviet Embassy here said it was publishing the contents of Mr Gromyko's letter sent on January 28 because the contents of the letter from Mr Haig to Mr Gromyko "has been made public by the United States side".

This statement was in fact un-

This statement was in fact un- firming his true at the time it was made since no text of Mr Haig's letter had by then appeared in the American press, although some newspapers had mentioned hriefly the main points made by the new Secretary of State in his original communication.

ment considered briefly today

The Secretary of State clearly decided, however, that this would not be in America's best interests.

From what Mr Gromyko had to say, it is, however, fairly clear that Mr Halg dwelt fully on three points—allegations that the Soviet Union had mischievously tried to complicate Washington's task of freeing the American hostages from Iran, a warning to Moscow not to intervene in Poland, and a

call for the Soviet Union to end

its occupation of Alghanistan. Adopting a "thore in sorrow than in anger " tone, Mr Gromyko began his letter by stating that it could "only be regretted" that questions in Soviet - American relations of deserving "priority attention" had, "judgling by your (Mr Haig's) letter, not yet fallen within the scope of attention of the new Administration."

Presumably he was thinking of disarmament talks and the like. Mr Gromyko then went on to criticize point by point "certain specific questions touched upon your letter ".

On the Soviet attitude to the On the Soviet attitude to the said that Mr Haig had "passed in silence" its early calls for their release and the Russian Government's condemnation of their capture.

On the Polish question, Mr Gromyko turned American fears of Soviet intervention round to accuse the West of such interference itself. He accused the Voice of America radio station of broadcasting provocative and instigatory transmissions to Poland.

aling office last month. Turning to Afghanistan, the In an introduction to the Foreign Minister repeated Soviet calls for an end to foreign allegedly western, military aid for the Afghan insurgents who are fighting the Soviet-backed authorities in Kabul

Mr Gromyko's letter ended on more conciliatory note. Con-rming his "readiness for exchange of views on a wide range of issues", he said that he hoped "that subsequently a proper place will be accorded to the questions on which resolution the prospects of de-velopment of both Soviet-American and (the) inter-After the publication of the national situation as a whole are Soviet letter, the State Depart- primarily dependent."

for 90-day break from strikes

From Dessa Trevisan Warsaw, Feb 12

General Wejciech Jaruzelski, the new Polish Prime Minister, today called on Solidarity to give his Government three months of peace in which to sort out the most urgent prob-

He said the Government would use the time to engage in the broadest possible dialogue and, was setting up a permanent commission for talks with the union. To reassure the union he appointed Mr Mieczysław Rakowski, a new Deputy Prime Minister, and hitherto editor of the weekly paper Politika, who is known for his liberal views, to head the commission.

General Jaruzelski reshuffled the Cabinet. Two of the six Deputy Prime Ministers, were dismissed. Six new members were brought into the Cabinet, including a cate Minister of including a new Minister of

Agriculture. Mr Mieczyslaw Jaglelski, the first Deputy Prime Minister, who negotiated last summer's agreement in Gdansk and enjoys the confidence of the workers, has retained his post and has been charged with economic affairs.

The Prime Minister's call for cooperation seems to have met with a response as the Solidarity national committee, which met under the chairman ship of Mr Lech Walesa in Gdansk, indicated that while it was called off.

There are sighs that under the Prime Ministership of a career soldier, who commands great national respect, things are beginning to move in the right direction.



might por commit itself yet, it was ready to resume the dialogue.

General Jaruzelski's call for a 90-day moratorium on strikes seems to have been accepted as Solidarity announced that no strikes were being envisaged to support the Rural Solidarity's demands for legalization. A strike of printers in Warsaw planned for tomorrow

General Jaruzelski has pro-state. The authorities, he said. The Solidarity national com-claimed a 10-point programme had enough power to bar the mission is also examining a call

society.

The Government, he said, would work for a socialist renewal, remove all people guilty of corruption and keep up high moral standards and honesty. He left no doubt that the Government would resort to its "constitutional prerogative" to defend the social and political values of Poland as a socialist fratricid words to words to their words to their words.

which promises to pay special attention to agriculture. He made it clear that he would try to reconcile demands for discipline and work with democratic openings towards all strata of special and spe

The country was threatened with "economic chaos and fratricidal conflict". These words do not come easily, he said, but be was fully aware of their weight and bitterness. On issues concerning national destiny one could not remain silent Every citizen was respon-sible, everyone must ask what he could be and what he should do to check the course of

mission is also examining a call on local branches to refrain from any strikes before consultation and approval by the national committee.

The students in Lodz, who have been occupying the University for the past three weeks, and who have presented the Government with a list of demands including one to cut military service from two years to three months, yesterday issued an appeal to other bniversities to refrain from any action until the weekend. They hope to have reached an agree-

According to Tass, Mr Mikhai Polovchak, the father, yesterda telephoned the Soviet consular in Warbington to report threat against his life, and say the winner, was threatened wit distrissal from her job becaus of her poor English. The Russians maintain the

Russians

step up

'kidnap'

campaign

Moscow, Feb 12

to the Soviet Union.

From Our Own Correspondent

The Russians have intensified

The case of the Polovchaks.

the immigrant family whose son

the Russians say has been "kidnepped" by the American

authorities, is reported almost

daily by the Tass news agency On Wednesday night Soviet tele

vision broke into its main even

ing news bulletin to give the

latest information on the lega wrangle.
Tass said yesterday that the

family was being persecuted The American authorities have removed Vladimir (known is

parents' cate to a secret location, and the parents were not being kept like bostages is

their protests and campaign against the decision of a Chicago court last year to grant political asylum to a 13-year-old Ukrainian boy, whose parents want him to return with them

the postponement of the appea hearing until nest ment showed that the American Jud cial bodies were deliberatel slow where the rights of Sori. citizens in the United State

were concerned.

Last month when the Amer
can hostages returned from Iran, Tass said the Polovcha family was being equally materials and detained and detained.
America by force on the ridiculous pretext that a ligar-old boy had abandoned high parents and brother "for the ridiculous and ridic rake of political pluralism ar free enterprise in the econom sphere". "All this could ha evoked a smile were it not f the brief of the parents and th the blief fate of the child who life is being crippled and whis being doomed to orpha hood," Tass said.

Anxiety in Cabinet over tapping

Ey Our Political Editor Mrs Thatcher yesterdiny aga promised that the Governme would deal "as expeditions as possible" with any requirem the Canadian Government to "patriate" the British Nor America Act. However she t clined to say whether a Government would "whip" b supporters to ensure rapid of

gress through the House.
In the Lords, Lord Carrirton, the Foreign Secretar declined to comment on t allegations of tapping confide tial messages from the Canadi High Commission in London. However senior cabinet ml sters do not hide their growi apprehension over the possit harm to Anglo-Canadi relations.

But the emerging entang ments make it likely that the British Government will seen to be interfering in Car dian affairs whether or not does the Canadian Federal G. ernment's bidding.
As matters stand, ministry

retain a faint outside hope the Mr Pierre Trudeau, Canadi Prime Minister, will in the e call, the whole thing off. not submit a request for the i At a time, when West unity is particularly import to the allies, ministers fear w they call a wholly gratuit dispute with Canada.

British chemist found dead at **US** laboratory

From Ivor Davis
San Francisco, Feb 12
Professor Franz Sondheit
the chemist, toni: his own
yesterday at Stanford Unit
sity, police said. Dr Sondheit
who was 54, was a risi
professor from University
luge London. He was found
the Stauffer laboratory on
camous in Palo Alto, slum
over his desk.
Near by was a note to

Near by was a note to wife and a cup that polite contained cyanida. Emerge and the contained cyanida. medical treatment was glwithout success. Dr Sondbeil was pronounced dead at Stard Hospital.

Friends said he had sufft

disease at pig farm

Agriculture Correspondent Blood samples were flown to a British laboratory yesterday after a disease of the vesicular type, which includes foot-and-mouth disease, had been found on a New Zealand pig farm.
Australia immediately banned all imports of meat and farm livestock from New Zealand.
Mr Brian Talboys, New Zealand Deputy Prime Minister, said:
"If this outbreak is of foot-andmouth disease, it will change
the history of New Zealand,
Police roadblocks were
mounted round the farm near
Temuka, South Island, as all 850 pigs there were slaughtered, burnt and buried. A quaran-tine ring was established up to 30 miles from the farm.

Ment accounts for hearly a

third of the export earnings of. New Zealand.

that the sample was expected to arrive there today. " It could be any of the vesicular diseases that affect pigs,"

thing at all." Foot-and-mouth disease is one of the most -dangerous andrapidly-spreading diseases of farm animals. It has been eradicated from Britain for the

he said. "It might not be any-

past 12 years. Its symptoms in pigs are similar to those of the less serious swine vesicular disease. Already this year about 400 pigs have been slaughtered in north-ern England on government orders in an effort to contain the spread of swine vesicular

Alarm in New Zealand over | Kremlin message expresses hope for firm line with Solidarity

Dr R. F. Sellers, director of the Animal Virus Research In-stitute at Pirbright, Surrey, said Moscow, Fcb 12

President Brezbney and Mr. Nikolai Tikhonov, the Soviet Prime Minister, today sent con-gratulations to General Wojcech Jaruzelski, the new Polish Prime Minister, on his appointment, wishing him success in his "important activity" in strengthening the socialist gains of independent Poland.

The telegram of congratulation, a normal courtesy sent to all new heads of government by the Soviet leadership, was used to express the Kremlin's hope: that the fourth Polish Prime Minister within a year would be able to bring the situation in Poland under control and take a firm line against what the Soviet press has called the attempts to undermine communism in Poland.

The Soviet leaders said they expressed their firm confidence that the "cooperation and friendship between the Soviet Union and the Polish People's Republic, based on the unbreak-able principles of Marxism-Leninism and socialist interna-

The references to the "socialist community" and to the interest of "fraternal countries" in Polish affairs are a clear restatement of the sothe position of countumism in an East European country was the clear concern of all the fellow members of the Warsaw Pact block.

The Russians have not commented further on General Jaruzelski'a appointment and are not expected to. But there are clear signs that they are hopeful he will be firmer than his predecessor in standing up to the demands of Solidarity.

Meanwhile the Russians have

meanwhile the Russians have taken the unusual step of publishing the text here of a letter sent by Mr. Gromyko, the Fareign Minister, to Mr. Alexander Haig, the American Secretary of State, accusing the Americans of State, accusing the Americans of State, accusing the Americans of Secretary of State, accusing the Americans of interfering in Americans of interfering in Foland's internal affairs and

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stronger for the benefit of the peoples of our fraternal countries and the cohesion of the socialist community, in the interests of peace and security in Europe."

The references to the "social-texthange views. But Poland was not among them.

The letter cannot in itself be considered a sharpening of Soviet accusations against the

Americans. What is significant is that the Russians have published the text both here and

in Washington.
Normally the Russians are entremely punctifious in matters of diplomatic protocol and are reluctant to engage in diplomacy through the media. But they clearly were angered by leaks in Washington of Mr Haig's warnings to them over Poland and his earlier public accusations over Soviet behav-iour around the plobe. Publication of the letter can

therefore be taken at a sign that the Russians do not believe that open diplomety is real diplomacy and that they now believe they have little hope of serious negotiation with the able principles of Marxism-Poland's internal affairs and Americans and have nothing Leninism and socialist interna- saying that no country, including to lose by making public the tionalism, will develop and get ing both the United States and text of their reply to Mr Haig.

Reagan appointments bring trouble on far right the course of American history. The trouble with these extreme conservatives is that

There are two extreme views about Mr Ronald Reagan. The liberal one is that he is trying to turn the clock back to Calvin Coolidge, ruin the country the way Mrs Thatcher's obstinacy is ruining Britain, and start the Third World War. The con-servatives think that he is a surrounded dangerous leftics who will let things run on the Carter manner, make Mrs Thatcher's mistake of insufficient firmness, and com-promise with the Russians.

The first of these illusions need not detain us. This is what liberals would say, anyway. The second is much more important, because if a strong conservative opposition de-velops on the President's right he will find it difficult to get his programme through.

In the week of the inaugural, Humon Events, one of the main conservative journals, headed its main story "bad week for conservatives". They objected strongly to two of Mr Reagan's appointments to his Cabinet, Mr Weinberger as Secretary of Defence (whom they suspected of being insufficiently anti-Russian) and Mr Donald Regan as Secretary of the Treasury (whom they suspect to be unsound on fiscal matters). Senator Jesse Helms, the conscience of the far right,

voted against Mr Weinbergor's confirmation, joined by his sidekick. Senator John East, also from North Carolina. They cast their vote a few hours

Arson suspect held: A hotel

worker, aged 23, has been ar-rested on suspicion of starting

the Las Vegas Hilton hotel fire which killed eight people;

Police said that Mr Philip,

Cline, a room service waiter at

the hotel, was the first person

to discover the fire on Tuesday

night. He was questioned then and yesterday by detectives and

Mr Cline has been charged

with eight counts of murder and

one of arson in connexion with

the fire. He is being held in colliary confinement at the Clark County Jall pending

Like the MGM Grand Hotel,

police said yesterday.

arson investigators.

Washington Commentary

Patrick Brogan

after Mr Reagan took his oath of office. Mr Regan has been heard to express doubts that the federal budget can be balanced before

1984. The deficit this year will be about \$80,000m and it is wildly unreasonable to suppose that it can be eliminated quickly. It is true that Mr Carter's last budget included projections for the next few years, showing the deficit vanishing, but he did that with

mirrors.

The first piece of legislation President Reagan requested was an intrease in the National Debt ceiling. The Government would have come to an abrupt halt in mid-February if the measure had been rejected but a number of conservatives voted

against it, all the same.

They were playing to the gallery, of course, but the gesture showed their economic frivality. By the same token, the reception given to the budget cuts proposed by the President shows the shallowness of the economic arguments in Congress. Cutting the budget by five per cent (Mr Reagan's

their motive force is social He will be harmlessly employed policy. They raise their money doing so while the Secretary cating prayer in school and purging public libraries of im-moral works, and by insisting that schools should teach the Book, of Genesis's account of the creation on a par with

These are all matters that neonie believe in passionately but they are not central issues in America's present predicament. Those central issues are the incluctable decline in its influence in the world, the fall in relative productivity, inflation, and the sclerosis of political institutions here. Now there are people, loosely

to be defined as conservatives who refuse to waste their time. on agitating against abortion. and face up to the real prob-lems. Vice-President Bush, for instance, talked sense on . Ioreign affairs when he was running for the presidential nomination, and Mr Haig at least knows what he is doing. Indeed, Mr Haig's competence is demonstrated in the way he fought off attempts by Senator Helms to take over the State Department, and establish himself, as the sole director of foreign policy: Mr Helms's candidates for higher office in the department were briskly turned optimistic target) is not really department were briskly turned going to balance the budget in down, except for one, Mr three years, let alone change Ernest Lefever.

He was put in tharge of the Office on Human Rights, with instructions to close it down. and get their votes by opposing gets on with the real business abortion and busing, by advocating prayer in school and tary, Mr William Clark of
purging public libraries of immoral works, and by insisting the name of the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, will not cause

Mr Haig much trouble either.
Mr Haig knows that foreign
pully in the 1980s cannot be
based, like that of the 50s, on

Helms's, stripe do not have a coherent economic or foreign policy. Once Mr Haig starts dealing with the Russians (and unless they invade Poland, he will do so, inevitably), the right will be unhappy. Once they realize that the President's economic policy is not nearly so revolutionary as it is billed, they will start to fret about that. It is all very sad. They had, at last, the perfect candidate and they elected him President. If he now proves to be just another centrist politician, and ignores them, it will be the greatest disappointment since the Directorate invited General

supporting right-wing dictators everywhere. For one thing, there are not many of them left. Mr Helms believes that Africa is "lost", apart from South Africa, but serious policy cannot really be based on such a theory. Conservatives of Senator

Bonaparte to help them keep the mob in line.

From Douglas Aiton Melbourne, Feb 12

Mr Malcolm Fraser, the Australian Prime Minister, has made it clear that the emphasis at this year's Commonwealth heads of government meeting to be held in Australia in Sepember will be on the problems of the Third World. Leaders from black Africa,

Asia and Pacific countries will form the majority of those who will gather in Melbourne for the conference. Mr Fraser's speech in Adel-aide this week set out both his

philosophy and his hopes for Australia's role in the inter-national North-South dialogue. The needs of the developing countries have been a consis-tent priority in the Fraser administration's foreign policy. In his speech to the Commonwealth Club in Adelaide, Mr Fraser suggested that the main industrialized_countries should substantially assist the developing world, not primarily for moral reasons but in a spirit of "enlightened selbinterest".

was economic, political and "These governments should work energetically to solve the main issues is no reason for that his stands on race, apar-problems of North-South rela-neglecting to do what is within theid and Zimbabwe gave him a tions because if they do they our means."
will benefit and if they do not lt would
their interests will suffer very Mr Fraser's

He said that this self-interest

Third World topics head agenda "Political self-interest also involved in any action in areas

> requires avoiding a situation of chaos, breakdown and violence which invites exploitation by the Soviet Union and its clients or which creates regional conflicts inimical to international peace and stability." (as usual, in any speech on international affairs, Mr Fraser made telerence to his own concern over Soviet ex-

> In considering what should be done to assist under-developed countries, Mr Fraser distinguished between structural changes in the international order, which he said would rely on the initiative of the largest and most powerful industrialized countries, and more modest help to solve "urgent practical problems" in areas such as health, food, education and technical assistance.

He said that Australia did not intend to "wait passively" for the big industrial powers to give a lead. "The fact that we can have comparatively little effect on the progress of the It would be easy to dismiss

requires a self-interest also which could hurt Australia sification of an adversary relationship between the developed Westera countries and the Third World aid. The role he was willing to requires avoiding a situation of take political risks for a cause others have been and violance where the second relations are solved as the reduced to the second relation of take political risks for a cause others. which was only indirectly relevant to Australia.

The Government is working on fresh initiatives Australia might take on North South issues which are, again, apparently high on the 1981 international agenda.

Mr Fraser is eager to attend the planned June meeting in Mexico which will discuss the report on North-South issues prepared by the Brandt Commission, but so far he has not been invited. In the Adelaide speech, Mr Fraser praised the Brandt report despite such recom-

mendations as an international tax, which the Australian Government probably would not support. Mr Fraser said the report had much to say "of great 'value" about issues, energy, health and education.

But for the moment it is the September Commonwealth conference that has Mr Fraser's keen attention. He is aware good reputation among Third World Commonwealth leaders will penetit and it they do not the would be easy to dismiss. World Commonwealth leaders their interests will suffer very. Mr Fraser's approach as avoid at the 1977 and 1979 conferseriously. That is where the ing a real involvement for ences. Now he will be seeking most compelling motivation is. Australia and offering some to further develop that repute be found. The said.

It would be easy to dismiss. World Commonwealth leaders their interests will be seeking as in the said.

Commonwealth Development Corporation (CDC) in the Caribsystems run by the local pubbean region amount to £51m spread through 14 countries and nearly 50 individual prolic works departments. Now the CIVE is seeking to divest itself of many of those sharcholdings but the local governments are reluctant to buy out the CDC because they

The CDC regional office is in Barbados and there are projects in hand in Belize. Honduras, Antigua, Costa Rica, Dominica, Granade, Guyana, Jamaica, Montserrat, St Kitts, St Lucia, St Vincent, Trinidad and Tebago.

four articles examining the work of the Commonwealth

The total commitments of the

Development. Corporation.

By Charles Douglas-Home

When the CDC first started to operate in the Caribbean it was faced with the difficulty of finding adequate resources to be developed. Tourism scemed to be the obvious choice fo make use of the region's basic endowment of climate. The CDC therefore initiated several investments in tourist complexes. though some of those have now been shed as the growth of tourism has increased.

The second basic development was to provide electricity

the islands. The CDC became sole shareholder in seven or eight electricity supply com-panies, providing both funds and expertise to create proper grids, where before there had been only rudimentary power

Commonwealth helps Caribbean

might then be solely responsible for keeping electricity charges in line with costs.

In the housing field the CDC set up joint organizations with covernments to provide housing finance for lower middle income groups, first on the Islands and now both in Honduras and Costa Rica. Finance for such long term projects would have been clusive but the CDC was able to influence both the cost of the houses and the cost of mortgages by insisting on modi-fications to the programme fications to the programme before it granted contracts to

Having set up those schemes for basic development, the CDC has been searching more widely

This is the last in a series of and housing for the peoples on for agricultural opportunities. In St Lucia a model farm has been set up and the company intends to purchase large banna estates on which some 200 smallholders will be settled growing bananes, citrus and other crops in a smallholder scheme which has been successfully applied by the CDC all round the world. There are also plans to take over sugar estates on the same basis and operate them like those in Swaziland. Although other agencies operate in the Caribbean,

economic conditions are tenuous for all the islands there except in Jamaica. Trinidad and Guyana on the mainland. The rest will find it hard to develop economically far from a quasi-subsistence future, where basic needs such as food, housing and power are met, but communicasuccessfully with export-based

industry.

In this environment the CDC feels that it has a vital role to play compensating for the absence of genuine commercial funds looking for profitable investments. However, even in the Caribbean the CDC is obliged to produce a return on its investment; and does so.

Prague rebuked for assault on attaché

Diplomatic Correspondent
Eritain has made a strong
protest to the Czechoslovak Government over an incident in which police used tear gas against a British, diplomat in Prague, forcibly removed him

By David Spanier

league near the town of Tabor There have, in fact, been on February 4, when the police similar incidents of surreillance intervened. He was engaged in and harassment of Western his normal touring duties, for which special clearance is not

Wing Commander Oliver to the British protest has not Knight, the air attache, was been encouraging, it is under-driving with a Canadian col-stood.

The British Ambassador in Prague protested the day after

houts of depression for a Dr Sondheimer, a native Stuttgart and a natural British citizen, was involved the development of synth, The Czechs' initial response the assault on the air attache. | cortisone at Harvard University

Afghan minister justifies Soviet occupation to delete a reference to sive acts and other form:

From Trevor Fishlock

Delhi, Feb 12 Mr Shah Mohammad Dost, the Foreign Minister of Afghanibackward environment.
The Soviet troops, " a limited contingent of which we invited

in because there was a threat to our independence," would leave Afghanistan as soon as there was stability, he told a press conference in Delhi.

Soviet soldiers were not interfering in the internal affairs of Afghenistan. They are try-ing to belp the Afghan Army and people to ward off threats from bandits and from abroad."

He could not say how many Soviet troops there were in his country; only that there were less than the 80,000 usually stan, tonight justified the Soviet quoted by Western sources. He occupation of his country as also did not know exactly how inserted at the insistence of part of the revolutionary promany Soviet advisors were work-cess assisting Afghans in their ing in the Kahul regime's advisors withdrawal of Soviet forces ministration. Mr Dost was addressing the.

press during the conference of forcing ministers of non-aligned countries. It was an unusual ovent because leading figures in the government of President Rabrak Karmal rerely make themselves available for questions. tions, particularly from the Western pross, and very few journalists are allowed to visit Alghanistan.

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The Afghan delegation to the Charter, because Afghanistan returning to normality
conference has tried and failed had become a victim of aggresstability.

ation. Mr Dost expressed his disappointment that the declaration will probably include a call, from Aighanistan. · In a speech to the conference ·

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between the Afghan Gov ment and neighbouring Cappear conditions for comf political normalization, inc. ; . ing withdrawal of Soviet tre It is not our fault that s. today, he said: "No danger of our neighbours try their arises from internal developments in Afghanistan to peace Their actions are obviously their actions are obviously to the existing problems." today, he said : "No danger of our neighbours try their and security of the region and free from outside influe the world. ence that Afghanistan

which is still closed because of a fire last November that killed 84 people, the Hilton hotel had no sprinklers in the rooms.— Reuter and UPL

interference from abroad.

Turkey is prepared to withdraw from the Council of Europe

regime as unjust and upfair, yet quite understandable. So understandable, in fact, that already showing reluctance to Turkey may soon pull out coordinate international aid this year. In Ankara, this is airri-Parliamentary Assembly. Mr liter Turkmen,

weathered career diplomat who took ever as the regime's Foreign Minister, said: "The Council of Europe consists of freely and democratically elected governments which have an intrinsic stake in the return of perliamentage democracy in of parliamentary democracy in Turkey. We understand their

Council of Europe of its "un-shakable commitment" to ensure a speedy return to a parliamentary system in Turkey, but "there is sometimes in Strasbourg a lack of percep-tion about what kind of activity would really promote demo-

would really promote democracy in Turkey, and which
kind would be counterproductive", he said.

The truth is that the Turks
do not like to be pushed. When
they are, they tend to cut off
their nose to spite their face.
In the words of a western
diplomat: "They are sensitive rude things being said about them; but quite insensitive to the views expressed by out-siders as to what they must

The Foreign Minister told he Times: "We Turks have The Times: "We Turks have no doubt whatever that the military will restore democracy—a more genuine and effective democracy than hitherto—and go. But we find the concern of the Europeans quite legitimate. In fact, we

European Assembly members were disturbed by events in Turkey for a variety of reasons, he said. "Some are motivated by ideology, others by domestic politics. Still others want to please their constituents, and there are those who seize the chance to propel themselves into the limelight by posturing as defenders of democracy.

"We respect all these motives, and we are not criticizing the property of the property

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> But after May, Turkey is kely to withdraw from the Consultative Assembly. By then the term for which its 12 parliamentary representatives had been elected in 1977 will have

broug legally expired.
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Italicooperation

From Charles Harrison
Nairobi, Feb 12

Sin Kenyan and Tanzanian delegations have met in Nairobi to discuss border security to the saures, and have agreed on closer consultation and cooperation to end cattle rustling and

From Pelian to end carrie rustling and Milan. Pettacks on tourists. Mionjo, the This wenyan Minister for Constitutional and Home Affairs, and pened with Muhiddin Kimario, the Tanthar it he anian Minister of Home Carlo Affairs, led the two teams. The full the ralks come after last month's Italian ummit meeting in Kampala, licily in Ittended by the Presidents of and about caya. Tanzania, Uganda and He call ambia.

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Navarino, under intimidation, had been forced to run up the Chilean colours. "I saw what hoor Enzo Beent negotiations between everybody else saw", he said.

From Mario Modiano

Ankara, Feb 12

The threat to expel Turkey
from the Council of Europe
is seen by the Ankara military

From Mario Modiano

has affected negatively the opportunities for obtaining these funds.", Mr Turkmen said. Turkey hopes to receive 5625m credit this year. However, Germany-Turkey's closest friend in Europe - is buted to the fact that Herr Hans Matthofer, the Federal Finance

> sition from left-wing critics.
> The Turkish Foreign Minister rejects any political motivation for Germany's reticence, and attributes it to the economic recession in that country. "I am confident, however", he added, "That Germany will, once again this year, take a direct interest in promoting greater aid to Turkey".

Minister, is facing strong oppo-

The Turkish regime of course, now counts on greater support from the United States; not only because of the defencepriented Republican Administra-tion in Washington, but mainly because of the crisis in the Gulf and the Middle East, which enhance Turkey's strategic

Mr Turkmen said Ankara was seriously concerned by the situation in Afghanistan, and particularly by the Iran-Iraq

The fear that Asian destabilization might spill over into Turkey's sensitive south-eastern provinces, is inducing the country to seek new alies among Islamic countries.

The military regime, in fact, looks to the more moderate Muslim nations, such as Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states, not only as stabilizing factors in the Middle Eastern medley, but also as potential sources of oil and loans.

In this sense, and despite the inherent inherent contradiction of Turkey's secularism and alignment, Islam is an ideal fall-back position for the regime if the Europeans become too tough, and one that could hardly displease the Americans. This readjustment, however, generals will increase their defensive commitment to the West. Particularly if such an enhanced role could cause misunderstandings among Ankara's Muslim friends.

The Foreign Minister said: The crisis in this region does not change things. There is nothing in the North Atlantic Treaty that burdens Turkey with commitments outside the Nato area."

Nato area.

Asked if, in case of a blockade of the vital oil route from the Guif, which, would inevitably barm Nato's defence potential, Turkey would not feel involved, Mr Turkmen said: "It certainly would in-

volve Turkey.

"But it will also involve the countries of the area. Now, if they take the view as they clearly stated it in the Tair (Islamic Conference) summit—

they loans?

There is nothing to indicate neutrality. But how long will mark, that this change of government this continue?"

Boat people accused

Bangkok, Feb 12—Thailand is accusing 19 Vietnamese refugees of piracy, claiming that they captured a Thai fishing trawler and killed five of the crew in the Gulf of Thailand last December.

"I have just finished questioning the suspects", Major Prayoon Sitthirsttanakum of the police said in a telephone con-versation yesterday. They will be brought to trial."

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The Vietnamese, he said, will be arraigned before a civilian criminal court in Nakhon Sithammarat, 370 miles south of Bangkok. They face charges of assault causing death and stealing goods on the high seas. Conviction could mean the death sentence.

Western observers in Nakhon Sithammarat province said the Vietnamese will try to launch countercharges against the

With \$2m (about £830,000) of American support, Thailand last week started a training programme for Thai fishermen designed to teach them to defend themselves against the

inger has Juenos Aires angered by olished with hilean naval activity in its based. Andrew McLand

its presence.

Mr Vassiis Viscati, the Greek Ambassador to Argentina and also to Chile, who was a passenger on board the Nava-rino, said a Chilean naval unit approached within 100 yards of the cruise ship, but he declined to comment on reports that the

the two countries over the Beagle Channel islands. Santiago has denied that the Chilean vessel failed to report

its presence.
In another incident, the Greek cruise ship, Navarino, was alleged to have been intidated by a Chilean gunboat off Cape Horn last Friday, According to present the Navarinos to present the tent to present the ing to news reports, the Nava-Chilean colours.
Mr Vassilis Vitsexis, the

with friendly states.

FOREIGN REPORT

Chief Justice Warren Burger says street crime is imposing "a reign of terror" on American cities.

"Like it or not we are approaching the status of an impotent society whose capability of

maintaining elementary security on the streets, in the schools, and for the homes of our people is

in doubt." The concerns he voiced are probably nowhere more deeply felt than in Los

Lieutenant Earl Rice, chief detec-'ver in one of Los Angeles's' worst crime area, drinks his coffee black and does not mince his words: "There's more chance of dying by murder down here than by accident or natural death.".

His territory covers only 10 square miles and takes in a population of 107,000, mostly black and Mexican Americans in outh Los Angeles. Lately, the increase in violent crimes has

shocked residents in this city of three million people. Mr Daryl Gates, the police chief, confirmed these fears last month by chief, confirmed these fears last month by announcing that 1,021 people were murdered in the City of the Angels in 1980, an increase of 27 per cent over 1979.

But at Lieutenant Rice's bureau they view the sudden hysteria over the rocketing murder rate with some cynicism.

Every weekend here people are rouninely murdered in the streets and nobody takes any notice". Detective Bob Reynolds, of the homicide squad notes.

"Races and murders are considered part of the lifestyle. There is a big double standard operating. The same homicides we have here daily are now appearing in wast Los Angeles (a predominantly whire, affluent area), he says.

South-east police headquarters is a red and stry brick fortress in the strey of

and grey brick formess in the street of the black ghetto that resembles the after-math of an air raid. Shops are boarded up, rubble strewn on empty lots, graffiti

up, rubble strewn on empty lots, graffiti on walls, houses abandoned. Compared to the manicured tidiuess of the rest of the city this is a wasteland. There are few people on the streets.

A recent Los Angeles Times poll reported that residents all over the city are worried more about crime than people in other American cities. "They have an inordinate fear of it that cuts across socioeconomic boundaries.

Yet the poll noted that few homes had actually been touched. No so in the south-

actually been touched. No so in the south-cantral, section, which is a ghetto in the real sense of the word. The only way out is, by private car or an inadequate bus system. Unemployment hovers around 20 per cent; there are few local jobs because industry is loath to open new plants.
The jobless—and 40 per cent of the

area's young blacks are out of work-aimlessly hang around the local housing aimlessly hang around the local housing estates or join street gangs. Schools do not attract top flight teachers and as a result the quality of education suffers. Many residents live from welfare money and, in fact, police note that robberies increase on the first and fifteenth of each month, on "Mother's Day" as they bitterly term the welfare pay-days.

When Los Angeles's much publicized 300-man crime task force moved into the whetto for several days, they made 558

ghetto for several days, they made 558 arrests but mostly on minor offences.
"Most of the heavy guys just cooled it until the heat was off", one observer of the crime scene remarked.

I spent a couple of days recently with the division's murder squad. Detective Lim force trying to catch up with the backlog of murders. He has only been in the division a year but already has a caseload of 16 unsolved murders.



In a Los Angeles bank a gunman already lies dead after an exchange of fire with the police. The siege began after he had taken 16 hostages. A miniature armoured car is called up, one more weapon in the fight against crime.

"We need twice the number of detectives to even make a dent in the cases",

The station is a self-contained island of The station is a self-contained island of refuge. When officers leave they usually do so in twos and get into their cars immediately. They bring sandwiches for lunch to eat at their desks and seldom venture out to neighbourhood restaurants. Outside it is considered a war zone and

the police appear battlescarred and weary. The fatigue shows on their faces. They are remarkably frank and many are disgusted by the conditions they have to work under. During the two days I spent with the detectives the pace was hectic. It was sheer murder and maybem, with little sleathing required. The count for 1981 atood at 11 murders in less than four weeks—a 57 per cent increase over the same period last year...

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A. wife shot her husband after he threatened her with a knife. A shopkesper (whose husband had been killed a few-years earlier by an armed robber) was confronted by three armed teenagers. She beat them to the draw and pumped a bullet into one of them. The robbers fled dragging their bleeding companion to a car and then dumped the youth at the front door of the local hospital. He was dead before he reached the emergency ward.

The homicide detectives reserve some of The homicide detectives reserve some of

their bitterest words for the court system.
"We used to kick the door down it we thought a suspect was hiding and take him in" says Detective Reynolds, who has spent most of his 20 years working in homicide. "Nor any more, Now we need a search warrant and that takes five hours to get. By that time he's long gone. And even if you do make an arrest by the time you get him to the DA (district attornoy) it's the policeman who ends up on the hot.

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"Whenever there's a gang shooting they want witnesses—so we get a guy who talks to us. We arrest a suspect and then the DA decides there is not enough evidence to held him. Less than 24 hours later he is back on the streets and our witness is running scared. Try explaining a judicial decision like that to some kid in the gherto who's terrified for his life."

They blame "soft" judges for the mounting street crime and complain that tough young street gang hoodlums are shipped off to holiday camp-like farms and released on parole too quickly.

They would like to see San Quentin's

They would like to see San Quentin's gas chamber back in business. "These people are not dummies ", remarks Detective Reynolds, "all a murder suspect has to say is 'I dropped some pills', or 'I was drinking' and it's diminished capacity.

was drinking and it's diminished capacity. Re gets at worst seven years for murder—and in three he is paroled."

Some detectives bemoan decaying morality and falling social standards and feel they are fighting a losing battle. And they storif at the police department's million dollar advertising campaign to refurbish the policeman's image.

To some, the troubles of the south-east division policemen might seem to have little to do with the rest of Los Angeles, being a function of a totally alien world.

being a function of a totally alien world. But more and more demarcation lines be-tween the wastelands and the heart of

one of the most eliuent cities in the world is being blurred.

Ask those politemen in the division and they will tell you that the problems are nation-wide. Crime is out of course, they say, and they look to what they perceive is a much new conservative President to do something about it.

Saudi weapons deal presents moral dilemma for Bonn

Strong resistance, particularly in the Social Democratic detided it camot, on principle, send solders or warships to the Gulf. But West German the Gulf. But West German crat coaling and may get weapons could be an important wreck the deal. Objections contribution to a general West-have been raised in many quarters, including both the Rosam Catholic and Protestant. The Government has sturted Churches and the trade amons, to any relating of West German the calcular says of changing the rules. There is no hurry, many's restrictions on arms the Chancellor says. Apart from the work involved, he exports.

The problem grose when appears to want time to let emotions cool and his argument's most sophisticated and sought after weapons. They it they oppose arms exports reportedly wanted more than 300 of the new and as yet many assessed Leoperd II tanks, deal which could ultimately damage Israel. There is also

unsurpassed Leopard II ranks, spard sati-aircraft tanks. Merder combat vehicles and

other weapons.
The advantages to West Germany of such a deal politically economically and strates sically are enormous. But the Covernment's self-imposed Government's self-imposed rules stand in the way.

Ten years ago the cabinet agreed to ban all exports of arms to grees of tension.

Exports to other non-Nata and non-Western countries could be permitted only if there were be permitted only if there were special considerations. Mr Shimon Peres, the remarks special considerations. Mr Shimon Peres, the remarks of the Israeli Labour Party, it is said that if Bonn sells weathing and the Government was used to Saudi Arabia, Israel them too. His ecome a big soms producer

Now, Herr Schmidt argues, it is time the rules were revised.
Experience has shown, he told
the Bundestag that it is diffi-cult to define an "area of ten-Moreover, international co-

peration on arms development is undermining the rules. A weapon produced with say. France, can be freely sold by other partners.
The Chancellor insists that

arms exports should still be firmly restricted But he would like the basic consideration to be what is in the national in-

West Germany tempted by feels the Saudi deal is very the prospect of a huge weapons deal with Saudi Arabia is much in the national interest. Saudi Arabia is the world's and engaged in an agonizing debase over the ethics of arms grievally such a deal could help redress the huge balance of trade with Riyadh.

A request of such magnitude from the biggest richest and strategically most important oil producer would have created whether or not it is in an strategically most important oil bearing for problems for selse West Minister, argues that it is not the deal is a prime factor of the west Germans into a painful conflict of interests, loyalties and principles. Strong resistance perfocularly in the Social Democratic Party (SPD) has edded to the strains in the SPD-Free Democratic Coalition and may per weapons could be an important weapons could be ar important.

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on principle—but the rightwing is also alarmed at a
deal which could ultimately damage Israel. There is also opposition in the ranks of the

another sensitive area from Germany's past—the moral obligations towards Israel As Mr.: Memachem Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, put it, after what happened to the less in the Third Reich it was inconceivable that Germans should now sell deadly wes pons to enemies of the Jewish

will ask for them too. His remarks underlined another worry of the deal's opponents that if West Germany exports arms to one side
in a rense situation it could be
obliged to do the same to the
other. The concept of
national interest could get
very widely stretched.

If the Government gave its permission the arms industry could make a financial killing. Cerman weapons are among the best in the world, and

foreign governments are press-ing for tanks, ships and guns which they admire but often

Patricia Clough

President Reagan sets out to woo the wary Mexicans

of call after his election.

The fact that Mr Reagan sought the meeting at that particular rime, in spite of his. particular time, in spite of his expressed unwillingness to meet other foreign leaders before he moved into the White House, was clearly intended to demonstrate his recognition of Mexico's growing importance, economic and political.

The United States and Mexico have long suffered all the stresses of an unhappy marriage. Economically, they are inextricably bound together, for the United States takes no less than two-thirds of Mexico's axeal arrests. This dependence

less than two-thirds of Mexico's total exports. This dependence has long jarred on Mexican sensibilities.

Washington has not been particularly successful in appreciating this sensitivity in the past but the need to create a new relationship has now because of the contract of the contr come an important object of American policy. Not only does Merican oil, it recognizes the increasing influence in international affairs that the oil has bestowed on President Lopez Portillo and his Government.

Mr Reagan has sought to establish a personal rapport with President Portillo. He is thought to have tried to allay anti-communist stance might conflict with Mexico's growing role in regional and foreign affairs

Mexicans were concerned by United Nations representative-designate, Mrs Jeanne Kirkpatrick, that a new United States Latin American policy should be developed to resist communism in the face of Cuban and Nicar-aguan "expansionism". She saw Mexico as constituting an

Mexico as constituting an inviting target.

That is far too partisan an approach to sait Mexico's ruling political group, the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI). The PRI, although its name has changed during the period, has been constantly in power since 1926. In every six-year election it has been returned with big majorities, partly due to alleged ballot rigging and partly due to restrictions on all sorts of opposition activity.

sition activity.

Both in domestic and foreign policies, the PRI has developed a mixture of socialist and capitalist concepts. The economy, too, is mixed and the oil industry is nationalized. Foreign policy has, on the whole, been "leftist" and "open" and noninterventionist in its relations

Mexico broke off diplomatic relations with Spain after Franco took power and resumed them only in 1977. Similarly, when all Latin-American states

dependence on Cubs and, ulti-mately, the Soviet Union.

Mexico has no liking for the constraints of membership of international blocks. It does not

even belong to Opec, preferring to pursue independent policies on oil exports which permit it, for example to be the main supplier to Israel. Nor is it a member of the non-aligned nations, although it regards itself as truly non-aligned. Growth and has controlled the conomy in spite of world recession and explosive demographic growth at home. The hast 10 years, the United States. Mexico believes would inevitably be dominated by the United States.

the have not permitted the oil-hungry United States to buy

President Portillo has pre-sided over unprecedented economic growth during his four years in office. He was elected at a time of economic crisis — low investment, high unemployment and massive devaluation. He has restored growth and has controlled the economy in spice of world re-

nited States. 19 million to its present rotal For that reason, the Mexican of 67.4 million. The lot of all

big brother.

On the other hand, the boom economy has brought new in-flation, now standing unoffici-ally at 35 per cent. Unemploy-ment, which is officially quoted as 30 per cent, is thought to range between 40-50 per cent - and there are no unemploy-ment benefits in Mexico's social security system. The unemployed - mostly the young -live on their families, by selling lottery tickets, or by working as shoeshine boys; or they emigrate illegally into the United States, providing an enters other bone of contention with them.

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Mexicans, traditionally sus broke off relations with Dr the Reagan trial income groups has improved markable that the Communication from too to the speciacular growth has particular growth has part mentary representation by the dominance of the PRI. But al-though the Communists are quantizatively insignificant their party is influential in Mexican national life. It is a well organized group attracting a sizeable number of the intelligentsia; it number of the intelligentsia; it is powerful in some minority trade unions; and its published literature presents ideas and criticism which are reflected in the daily press. As part of its policy of "balance" President Portillo's PRI does not ignore the communists and frequently enters into "dialogue" with them. balances of the United States constitution.

President Lopez Portillo, a former professor of interinational law has grown in stature, sophistication and embority: During his last two years of office, he is likely to prove a cooperative, abeit wary, colleague for President Reagan.

An oil rich state, yet with

stability as it does possess owes much to the powers of the President. For the six years he holds office (he is not permitted a second term), the President of Mexico moves into a position of supreme authority without any of the Checks and balances of the United States constitution.

William Frankel

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the one that you can help with, today.

The full understanding of sincer offers hope for everyone living I am therefore sending my donation of 5. to help continue, the work of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

Mr Paisley named by Speaker and then suspended for calling Ulster Secretary a liar

Antrim, Dem U) was suspended from the service of the House after injured by terrorist violence. But it refusing an order from the Speaker to windraw a remark describing Mr Humphrey Atkins, the Secre-tary of State for Northern Ireland,

The incident occurred during mestions on the security situation in Northern Ireland. Mr Paisley had asked Mr Atkins: Would the Secretary of State care to confirm or deny that the army patrol that was to observe Tynan Abbey the night of the atroclous murder of Sir Norman Stronge and his son James was being wined and dined at a wellknown Republican house

Would he confirm or deny that the helicopter that came to the assistance of the RUC ran out of fuel and had to return to base?
Would he tell us what action has been taken against the officer who was responsible for the patrol not that terrible incident?

Mr Atkins (Spelthorne, C): I never give details in this House of the security forces operations as he knows. I cannot understand why he anybody to make charges like this, (Cheers.) Mr Paisley: It's a cover-up. (Inter-

Mr Gerard Fitt (Belfast, West, Soc): Mr Paisley has just called Mr

Mr Paisley: So he is. The Speaker (Mr George Thomas): Did the honourable gentleman make that statement? Yes. I made that stat-Mr Paisley: Yes. I made that ment for it is true. (Protests.)

Mr Peter Robinson (Belfast, East, Dem U): He is a liar. The Speaker: Mr Paisley knows be must withdraw the remark at once. Mr Paisley: I have no intention of withdrawing the truth. (Protests.) The Speaker: I name the Rev Ian move the appropriate motion. Mr Robinson: He is telling the truth. The Secretary of State is a

Mr Michael Jopling, Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury and Gov-croment Chief Whip: I bee to move that Mr Paisley be suspended from that Mr Paisley be suspen the service of the House.

The Speaker put the question that Mr Palsley be suspended from the servies of the House.

There was a loud cry of "Aye" from all parts of the House. Mr Paisley and Mr Robinson cried "No".

A division was called but when Mr Robinson was shown to be the only teller for the Noes, it was called off and the Speaker declared the motion carried. The Speaker: I instruct the hon

mber to leave the chamber. Mr Paisley immediately did so. In the questions leading up to the incident Mr Atkins said that since he last answered questions in the House nine people had died as a result of terrorist violence. Since the luil at the time of the prison bunger strike, terrorist organiza-tions had clearly renewed their activities but they had continued to

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Mr Robert Parry (Liverpool, Scot-

Mrs Margaret Thatcher: I expect

the ACP agreements.

This refluery is in Mr Parry's constituency. The Minister for Agriculture (Mr Peter Walker) flew back from Brussels to receive a delegation on this, I cannot

a delegation on this, I cannot duplicate this. I will always see an MP in whose constituency a closure is about to occur. (Labour laughter.)

Mr Allan Stewart (East Renfrew

Mr Alian Stewart (East Renfrew-shire, C): Will the Secretary of State (Sir Keith Joseph) and the Department of Industry do every-thing possible to put to Nissan Datsun that it would be in the com-pany's best commercial interests to reconsider going to a greenfield site in order to go to the Linwood site, using the skilled workforce there?

Mrs Thatcher: Nissan is studying the feasibility of coming to this country on a greenfield site and I do not think there is any possi-bility of dissuading them from

some minister be put in charge of

next week? (Renewed

Mrs Thatcher: As usual, Mr

the Mil from a constituency where

to Mr Walker. I personally will see the MP. I am sorry Mr Foot greets such a courtesy in such a churlish manner. (Conserva-

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(Labour intercuptions.)

is a fact that the level of violence so far this year is lower than it was this time last year. This confirms me in my conviction that the course on which the security forces are set is the right one.

The Chief Constable and the sufficient resources on the ground. I know that they will not be distracted from their tasks by danger or provocation and I call on all people of goodwill in Northern Ireland to give them full support.

Mr John Biggs-Davison (Epping Forest, C): Is there evidence since the Dublin summit and the mur-ders to which he has referred, that more is really being done by the Republic to secure its side of the frontier from terrorist activity and also to speed the surrender to justice of the terrorists there har-

Mr Atkins: Today the Chief Constable and the GOC advise me that the cooperation they are receiving in cross-border security activities from the Republic is increasing all

Mr James Molyneaux (South Antrim, Off UU): Will he give an assurance that any measures designed to climinate killer gaugs in the greater Belfast area will not result in any weakening of the defence of the frontier and that everything possible will be done to increase security in both spheres? Mr Alkins: Yes. We are conscious of the need to maintain a high level of security force presence in border areas. Both the Chief Constable and the GOC have this much in mind.

Mr John Dunlop (Mid Ulster, UUUP): Since the RUC were successful on ramming one of the escape vehicles at the murder of Sir Norman Stronge and his son how many rounds of ammunition were fired by the RUC and how many by the terrorists? Was the second police car engaged in the attack as well? This is an important aspect of this monstrous and savage crime. savage crime.

Mr Atkins: I cannot give the details he asks for without notice. The first police car was rammed by the terrorists when they were attempting to escape. An exchange of fire followed. Unhappily the terrorists managed to make their escape. One hopes on future occasions they will not be so fortunate. At this point Mr Paisley asked his question following which he was named and suspended.

Mr James McCusker (Armagh, Off UU) then asked: The identity of most of the men involved in the killing of my constituents, includ-ing Sir Norman Stronge is known t only to the security forces but Government Ministers on both sides of the border.

It is a deplorable situation that my constituents can now do to wait until they kill someone

Mr Atkins: I do not know the names of any criminals. If I did 1 would inform the security forces. I have no doubt there are strong people committing crimes and if suspisions and I hope-very much that evidence will be produced so are and wherever they come from,

Neither I nor the security forces Mr James Kilfedder (North Down, Mr Atkins said) can be satisfied UU): In view of the success of the long as anybody is killed or operation by the SAS against the jured by terrorist violence. But it don last year, and the findings of the court that the members of the SAS were not guilty of murder in the circumstances of the stage when they shot the gunmen, will the Secretary of State employ enough units of the SAS in Northern Ireland to deal effectively and immediately with the terrorists, particularly along the border, in west Belfast and Crossmaglen?

Mr Atkins: Both the Chief Constable and the GOC are satisfied that they have sufficient resources on the ground. I must also emphasize that all members of the security forces are subject to the law, like everyone else.

Mr Dennis Concamon, chief Opposition spokesman on Northern Ire-land (Mansfield, Lab): The crossborder cooperation is getting bet-ter and better all the time. In any further discussions with Dublin would the Secretary of State get this placed at the top of the agenda? It is important to have all agenda? It is important to the the cooperation we can get in the

Mr Atkins: I agree cooperation is improving all the time and it is a matter we keep constantly before us in discussions with the authori-ties south of the border.

Mr Gerard Fitt (Belfast, West, Not belative the (Belast, West, Soc): In relation to security in Northern Ireland there are two malign forces. First, the men of the IRA, and the other led by para military leaders, in some cases elected leaders of the Unionist loyalists in Northern Ireland.

Both these malign elements feed on each other. The IRA murder policemen, UDR men and innocent civilians which in return brings a reaction by people who lead illegal armies up hills in County Autrim and refuse to recognize the authority of the House.

Why does the Secretary of State find it so difficult to ban the activities of the Ulster Defence Association which has been identified with some of the most atrocions murders that have been committed in Northern Ireland and in partic-ular the attempted murder of Bernadette Devlin?

Will the Secretary of State give an undertaking that the sheet weight of numbers of the UDA will not prevent him from bringing into order to defeat the UDA, the IRA. and whatever other paramilitary organizations there may be?

Mr Atkins: Without agreeing with everything that Mr Fitt said, I can say at once that the size of an organization has nothing to do with whether it is proscribed or The test of proscription is whether or not any organization is actively encouraging, supporting or engaging in terrorist activities.

Any organization that does that is liable to be proscribed. The most important thing is to prevent people committing crimes and if they commit them, whoever they

to bring them speedily to justice. Mr Foot seeks action on coal mine closures

higher inflation and unemployment, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, insisted during question time exchanges.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said she would always be willing to see an MP in whose constituency a main factory closure mr Michael Meacher (Oldham, West, Lab) had asked: Why does the Prime Minister keep on refusing to reflate on the grounds that it always leads to worse inflation when all previous reflation, except the disastrous Barber one, have not led to a surge of inflation or higher unemployment? What this country desperately Mr Robert Parry (Liverpool, Scotland Exchange, Lab) had asked during questions if, when she met the Prime Minister of Mauritius later today, she would discuss the implications of the proposed closure of the Tate and Lyle factory for the ACP countries.

He continued: Will she reconsider her decision and meet an all-party parliamentary delegation to discuss the matter? A Government initiative could save this refinery. What this country desperately needs is not an ever-greater squeeze on credit; leading to ever-increasing unemployment, but an expansion of credit; provided it is channelled into investment, public as well as private, which would reduce unemployment without reduce unemployment without bringing inflation. the Prime Minister of Mauritus will raise the question of refining of sugar though I understand an undertaking has been given to refine most of the sugar under the ACR reconstruction.

Mrs Thatcher (Barnet, Finchley, C): To reflate on top of the present level of inflation would lead to higher inflation and un-employment. There is no doubt

about it.
Mr David Steel, Leader of the Diberal Party (Roxburgh, Salkirk and Peebles): Would she reconsider the cost she gave the House last Thursday of unemployment in the light of the article in The Times Business News this morning Times Business News this morning based on Treasury figures which suggests that the total direct and indirect cost to the Government of higher unemployment is likely to be £5.000 per worker?

Mrs Thatcher: The two things are wholly different. I gave the cost of unemployment benefit coupled with social security benefit. Those figures are accurate.

fit. Those figures are accurate.

What he is giving is what the
Exchequer would benefit if everyone were in work. (Labour
theers). If everyone were at work
producing goods and services that
someone else would buy without

There was no doubt that to reflate subsidy there would be no prob-on top of the present level of lem.

Mr Michael Foot, Leader of the Opyosition (Ebbw Vale, Lab): Since the Leader of the House (Mr Pym) has stated in a notable speech that the Government is in a frame of mind to recognize reality and acknowledge mistakes, would she reconsider the answer she gave me on Tuesday about the coal industry in which she appeared to wash her hands of the whole issue?

Will she look afresh at the

Will she look afresh at the matter, see how serious the situation is and promise that the Government will intervene? Mrs Thatcher: In regard to the speech by the Chancellor of the Duchy I wholly agree with him. Duchy I wholly agree with him. There was excellent stoff in it—
"The attack on inflation is an attack on unemployment" and
"The most enduring safeguard against unemployment will be the elimination of inflation. We must not abandon the long term strategic approach we believe in."

It is the Government's duty to negotiate with the chairman of the National Coal Board the amount of money for the year. This year it is E834m; next year it will be E882m. These are considerable sums on top of the price for coal and are sums which give coal an excellent future. Mr Foot: Is she seriously saying she will refuse to call together in this critical situation the tripartite meetings we had on the coal ludustry which saved it following the experiences of 1974?

When we came in we had to call together these tripartite dis-cussions to deal with the matter. That is what she will have to do on this occasion. Will she decide to do it now instead of being forced to do it later? Mrs Thatcher: No. I am not forced to do anything.

Backing for stand on exclusive fishing limit

leaders of the fishing industry next Tuesday to hear from them an analysis of the financial position in the industry and any constructive suggestions they wish to make, Mir Peter Walker, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said in a statement. He was reporting on his three days of talks in Brussels with other fisheries ministers of the other fisheries ministers of the

European Community.
Mr Walker (Worcester, C) said:

In spite of intensive and sustained negotiations, the Council of Ministers failed to reach agreement on a revised common fisheries policy. Discussions will be resumed on March 9 and 10. In the course of the three days United Kingdom ministers were able to have discussions with representatives of the industry on the problems which they are

the prootems which they are currently experiencing.

The Government has already announced its decision to bring forward the review of the fishing industry's financial position. The Government has now fixed a meeting with the industry for next

The object of the meeting will be to receive from the industry an analysis of their current financial position and to listen to any constructive suggestions they wish to make. The analysis and the suggestions will then be urgently considered by the Gov-

We also discussed the adverse effects of cheap fish imports and it has been agreed that a team of industry representatives and Government officials will immediately eramine all allegations of illegal and unfair imports of fish.

During the Council meeting, we brought to the attention of the Commission the fact that the sys-tem operating to preyent cheap

imports entering our market from third countries was not working effectively. We have obtained a firm undertaking from the Com missioner that he will urgently examine the problem in order to make the system more effective.

Mr Roy Mason, chief Opposition fife Roy Mason, their oppusation spokesman on agriculture and fisheries (Barnsley, Lab): Mr Walker will continue to get our backing as long as he stands firm in the Council of Ministers for the Council of Ministers for a Cohertee proposals as British fishertes proposals as agreed by all the industry and this

It would appear that some progress is being made, expecially on conservation, inspection and total allowable catches. In spite of French intransigence he must still stand firm on two of the cardinal points—the 12-mile exclusive belt and our dominant preference up

to 50 miles.

He was right to hold up the agreements of the Germans with the Canadians and the Danes with the Farces and the French fishing up to our beaches until we have managed to obtain a satisfactory managet to obtain a satisfactory package.

What proposals were put forward on financial aid by the Common Market? What action has he in mind to stop cheap fish

imports now?
Will all sections of the industry
be represented on the committee of inquiry?

In view of this further delay on
the common fisheries policy can we expect a statement on financial aid for the industry next week?

and for the industry next week!

Mr Walker: I am grateful for Mr
Mason's comments. One of our
strengths in the negotiations is
the unity between the Government, industry and the House. At
every stage, every step and every
counter proposal in Brussels we
have the industry in to discuss and agree our tactical position.

That will continue until we reach final agreement.

I regretted that the decision we had to make on the Canadian agreement has an immediate adverse effect on the German fleer which was not my objective. The Community must understand there is no way Britain can

accept an agreement which will result in an increase of cheap imports into our markets in return for fishing facilities for any other European country until we reach an overall satisfactory agreement for Britain.

On aid, following Tuesday's meeting urgent discussions will be held in Whitehall and an early statement will be made. In January my department analysed 22 cases of import pro-cedures which we consider the Commission should look at. I per-sonally discussed these cases this week with the new Commissioner and he has undertaken to look into

them urgently. Mr Peter Mills (West Devon, C): Bearing in mind his firm stand, should the fishermed not now go back to sea? Would he consider that if this nonsense goes on, par-ticularly with the French, we may have to take unilateral action to help our fishermen and con-

Mr Walker: The leaders of the in

dustry with whom. I have been in Brussels made it clear that the action being taken by fishermen action being taken by fishermen was not intended to say that the British Government should come to a speedy and quick settlement irrespective of the terms.

I am glad to have received this moraing reports from ports throughout the country that our lishermen are going back to sez. Financial aid is a form of unilateral action. The industry leaders appreciated that the Government on its own initiative decided to

sumers?

of the time agreed for review.

The advantage of having the leaders of industry accompanying me (he said later) is that when one comes to detailed questions of access one can discuss them with the fishermen who know the problems of the locality and what

s acceptable and not acceptable. They know we will not deliver a fishing agreement which is not acceptable for the British fishing Mr Walker, in response to a later

ourstion, said he recognized the frustration of any boat that came back with a good catch but found,

have made cod prices worse than they were at present.

Mr Austin Mitchell (Grimsby. Lab): Emergency action on im-ports is needed. The industry wants action now, particularly on

wants action now, particularly on cheap imports.
Mr Walker: What is encouraging is that the fishermen of Grimsby were the first to go back. It shows that they are encouraged by the action we are taking. As MP for Grimsby, Mr Mitchell knows that his Schammen know that already his fishermen know that aircady the Government has given double the aid of its predecessors in any

single year.
On the composition of the committee to investigate allegations of mittee to investigate allegations of dishery negotiations and to many to have a committee in which the industry has confidence. It want a small, compact committee of the leaders of the fishing industry, respected by the fishing industry, respected by the fishing industry as a whole.

Mr Douglas Jay (Wandsworth, Battersea, North, Labi; Does the minister think that throughout the talks the French have shown a Community spirit? (Laughter).

tions one has a dialogue between countries and naturally countries pursue their national interests. But looking over the history of the Community I think that decision

Community as a whole. Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover Lab); Why is it necessary to se up a quanco—an Acas typ body—when there is plenty o evidence on television and in the ji media to prove that there is fid dling and demping on a massiv

That was one of the prime country? reasons he had to resist the Canadian agreement which would have made cod prices were It is not truer to say that the buying of time has more to d with the reelection of M Giscar

knowledge of the fishing indust

—(laughter)—Mr Skinner wo

know that one thing his fishin

constituents require more than at
other is a system of control whit does not exist because we do n notes not exist because we do n have a common fisheries polic Mr Gavin Strang an Oppositi-spokesman on fisheries (Edi burgh, East, Lab): Does f Minister see any prospect agreement on a common fisher policy before the French election in the fisher with the policy before the fisher with the fishery negotiations and proportions. fishery negotiations and t negotiations shortly on agricultur

prices?
Mr. Walker: We have new accepted, on the budget, arried ture or fisheries matters in interprinciple of any link. It is not a Government's intention to link.

Ulster car firm told no more public funds are available

the company and it must look elsewhere as necessary for any further funding.

for Northern Ireland (Bosworth, C), said that when he announced that he had agreed in principle to provide a time-limited guarantee for commercial loans of up to Filton to the company. for commercial loans £10m to the company.

Mr Joha Bruce-Gardyne (Knutsford, C) had asked why, in view of
the statement the Secretary of
State, Mr Humphrey Atkins had
made in August, 1980, that the
Government's obligation to consider applications for further
financial assistance for the De
Lorean company had been discharged, he had decided to consider a further application from sider a furthe a further application from

Mr Butler: I considered a further application for a Government guarantee in respect of commer-cial loans to help the company resolve a short-term cash problem and take the DMC-12 car through to market launch.

to market launch.

I have now agreed in principle to the provision of a time-limited guarantee for commercial loans of up to £10m, subject to certain acknowledgements which record the company's acceptance that neither the Northern Ireland Development Agency nor the Department of Commerce have any financial obligations towards the company and which confirms that royalties remain payable as agreed.

Mr Expec-Gardyne: Those under-Mr Bruce-Gardyne : Those under-

during question time exchanges.

The exchanges began when Mr

Michael Hamilton (Salisbury, C)

Michael Hamilton (Salisbury, C) asked: As the Leader of the Opposition was good enough last week to send a message to the Salisbury branch of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, might she find time today to send a similar message of good will and congratulations to the Duke of Edinburgh for his outstanding speech on Monday. (Conservative cheers.)

Mrs Thatcher: I am sure there

are the same thoughts in elevated situations which the present Gov-

situations which the present Goverament supports.
Although we wish nuclear
weapons had never been invented
the potential aggressor has a large
stock and a particularly great
supply of \$520s. Any government
which wishes to defend its people
must see that we have sufficient
nuclear weapons to deter an
aggressor.

never a unilateralist

Any government which wished to defend its people must see that it (Conservative protests.) had sufficient nuclear weapons to deter an aggressor, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said during overlon time American (renewed Conservative cheers)—

Mr Michael Foot, Leader of the Opposition (Ebbw Vale, Lab): be no. The policy of unilateralism Perhaps the late Lord Louis may be espoused on the other Mountbatten knew more about side of the House; it is totally war and nuclear weapons than and unterly rejected on this side.

The Government had made clear An MP: Finish it Jock. to the De Lorean car company of (Laughter)
Ulster that sufficient provision of public funds had been made to the company and be most less than the company and the comp apparently has a tee-shirt on which he has emblazoned the slogan "I am a con man ". Will he consider sending him a character services." ter reference? A Labour MP: You should wear

> Mr Bruce-Gardyne ; Can the Minister give an assurance that the House will have an opportunity to debate and vote before any further money is given to this con man?

man?
Mr Butler: Mr Bruce-Gardyne does not help his cause. It is a serious matter whether more money should be put behind this project. No more is being put behind it and this is purely a Government guarantee behind Government guarantee behind commercial loans to launch a car which they believe to have good market prospects.
The obligations were removed in agreements last summer, but in view of certain press statements about the beliefs of one or two

parties to the arrangement, I have hought it necessary to come to a firm written understanding with De Lorean that no such obligations Mr Enoch Powell (South Down, Off UU): A fraction of the same invested or sunk, in De Lorean would be sufficient to produce an improvement in transport links between the province and the mainland and far more jobs would be sufficient and mainland of the transport of the transport in the same of the mainland of the transport in the transport of t

be created and maintained in that way than by De Lorean. Mr Butler: The decision to start the project was taken by the pre-vious Government. We were faced Mr Bruce-Gardyne: Those under-takings were given to the House six months ago. Is there not a danger that in dealings with Mr De Lorean. Mr Butler may come to resemble the young lady from Riga who went for a ride on a tiger?

vious Government. We were faced last year with an approach for rurther: Funds. I have been approached again and I have ex-plained what our practice has been in the circumstances. We have said to the company that the Government has made

Louis was never a unitateralist— (renewed Conservative cheers)— nor would be ever have been. He had too much regard for the liberties of this country. (Further Conservative cheers.)

Conservative cheers.)

Mr David Melior (Wandsworth, Putney, C): Does she agree that the adoption by the Labour Party of unilateral disarmament, the increasing number of Labour back benchers who seem to be apologists for Soviet imperialism, and the increasing number of Trotskylsts being adopted to fight CLC and parliamentary seats under the Labour Party banner, poses one of the greatest threats to democracy in Britain?

to democracy in Britain?

Mrs Margaret Thatcher: I agree.
The Labour Party opposite would
not be ready to defend the benefits they enjoy under democracy.
Mr Peter Tapsell (Horncastle.
C): Does anyone think Poland
would today face a scrious threat
of an invasion by Russian forces
if it possessed its own independent nuclear deterrent?

sufficient provision of public funds in respect of the DMC car project and that they must look elsewhere as necessary for further funding. Mr Michael McNair-Wilson (Newbury, C): Can he say that if Mr De Lorean approaches the Government about a further guarantee no such guarantee will be given unless the contract, so favourable to De Lorean, is renegotiated? Mr Butler: There will be no more Mr Butler : There will be no more selective assistance given to the project. The company is well aware of it.

aware of it.

Mr Robert Adley (Christchusch and Lymington, C): No steps were taken by the Department of Industry to save the MG. Those who watched that with dismay, watch this with even more dismay. Will he allow me to accompany him to the De Lorean factory to see whether my constituents are getting value for their taxes? Mr Butler: Mr Adley's interpretation of the Government attitude tion of the Government attitude to MG is different from that of ministers, of whom I was one at the time. If Mr Adley wrote an appropriate letter to De Lorean, I think they would welcome him at an appropriate time.

Mr Dennis Concannon, chief Opposition spokesman on North-ern Ireland (Mansfield, Lab): De Lorean car project. It was al-ways a project which would have good spin-offs in Northern Ireland as well as in the rest of the United Kingdom.

MPs : Where ? Mr Concannon: There are some. One has only to remember the steel industry in Scunthorpe steel industry in Scunthorpe where the steel comes from. About

where the steel comes from. About 80 per cent of this is in the United Kingdom.

In America the publicity for the car is eagerly awaited. We should give the car a fair wind.

Mr Butler: Mr Concannon takes the right attitude to the car.

Debate on Lord Mountbatten was Linwood

The main business in the House of Commons will be: Monday: Private Member's motion on adult education. Tuesday: Debate on Opposition

motion on effective Government action to prevent the closure of Talbot Linwood. Opposition motion on EEC sugar proposals. Wednesday: Proceedings on the Redundancy Fund Bill and on the Iron and Steel (Borrowing Powers) Thursday: Water Bill, remaining

stages, Proceedings on the House of Commons Member's Fund and Parliamentary Pensions Bill and Parliamentary Pensions Bill and motion on members' salaries and pensions.

Friday: Private Members' Bills. Shops Bill and Countryside (Scotland) Bill, second readings.

The main business in the House of Lords will be:

Monday: Town and Country Plan-ning (Minerals) Bill, committee (Second day.) Tuesday: Industry Bill, second reading. Contempt of Court Bill, third reading. Debate on European Community Committee report on the environment.

Wednesday: Debates on civil aviation industry and on EEC initiatives in the Middle East.
Thursday: Wildlife and Country-side Bill, committee (Seventh

day.)
Friday: Wildlife and Countryside
Bill, committee (Eight day) unless
completed on Thursday.

Luxembourg .

More freedom in education promised for Scotland For too long the attitude had pre-The Eill was about putting 1

vailed in some quarters that parents must just accept without question whatever education authorities or teachers thought fit to offer their children, Mr George Founger, Secretary of State for Scotland, said when moving the second reading of the Education (Scorland) Bill.

Mr Younger (Ayr, C) said that the Bill gave education authorities a duty to comply with parental requests, unless one or more of the specified grounds for refusal applied.

To safeguard parents, if they were not satisfied by the education authority's refusal of a request. the Bill provided for a system of independent appeal committees. The Opposition objected most strongly to the provisions concern-

ing the assisted places scheme. Pupils to be admitted to assisted places would be chosen by the schools themselves subject only to a requirement that they must be capable of benefiting from the education are of the capable of the cap

This scheme would progressively convert the traditional indiscriminate subsidy, which helped only families who could already afford to pay substantial fees, into an income-linked subsidy. This Bill was not essential to the introduction of the assisted places

introduction of the assisted places scheme. He already had powers to introduce it under existing legislation and proposed to use them to make interim regulations which he hoped to lay before the House

spokesman on Scotland (Glasgow, Craigton, Lab) said the Bill was traigion. Lab! Said the Bill was irrelevant to the needs of Scottish education and the greatest irrelevancy was the assisted places scheme. The Secretary of State had been unable to produce a single reputable body of educational opinion in Scottand which was in favour of the scheme. He gloried in the cuts in educa-

tion he was making, yet a small privileged sector of Scottish education had been given faroured treatment. The Bill's provisions would give it even more favoured treatment over the next few years.

dirty work of the Secretary State on to the education authogreater freedom to them. greater freedom to them.

He had never known an issue which the personal integrity of a Scare and his jun minister had been more at all and they had been more criticly. by responsible educational terests than on the issue of collegues of education.

I am not accusing them of be liars (he said) because I know t that is not parliamentary produce—(Laughter)—but they he been accused by educational terests in Scotland of being liam Mr Younger's reputation was tatters and would not be enhanby this shabby and dishonest Bl.
Mr. Michael Ancram (EdinburSouth, C) said the principle by
parents should have the major;
in how their children were a

cated was widely regarded as was denying them that right. Mr William Hamilton (Con Fife, Lab) said if the Bill had b scrapped and replaced by a dealing with the compulsory, sto tory educational and vocation provision for the 16 to 19-yr. olds, it would have had unanim Mr Iain Sproat (Aberdeen, Sot C) said the assisted places sche.

lize the parents' charter, enlar the freedom of every parent Scotland. For that reason warmly supported the Bill. Wir Gordon Wilson Dundee, Egyon Scot Natl said the Government talking rhetorically about freed of choice when its educate expenditure policies were restricted. rorward an amendment to the effect that if a church or denominational body made representations to the Secretary of State that an education authority proposal would result in a materially inequiable distribution or materially unsatisfactory standard of denominational schools compared with other schools, and if he was satisfied that these representations were justified, the proposal would require his consent.

Mr Bruce Millan, chief Opposition Spokesman on Scotish afford the worst instinct Tory voters. As soon creturned to spokesman on Scotish afford the worst instinct Tory voters. As soon creturned to spokesman on Scotish afford the worst instinct Tory voters. As soon creturned to spokesman on Scotish afford the worst instinct Tory voters. As soon creturned to spokesman on Scotish afford the worst instinct Tory voters. As soon creturned to spokesman on Scotish afford the worst instinct Tory voters. As soon creturned to spokesman on Scotish afford the worst instinct Tory voters. As soon creturned to spokesman on Scotish afford the worst instinct Tory voters.

tique the assisted places sche That would be the first towards elimination of any a aid for private education.
Mr Alexander Fletcher, Ur
Secretary, Scottlsh Office (E
burgh, North, C) said the Opt
tion had suggested the assi aid for private education. non had suggested the assi-places scheme was a kind of p-lege or expansion of privil. Even if the Government acce, that and it did not, why she the people's parry object to I flege being applied to low inc-families. families.

The Bill was read a second by 306 votes to 254 Govern

Dispute over patriation

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Will she confirm that this is Minister, was asked to confirm correct? that the duty of the House in the dispute over patriation of the white are not decided on unit. dispute over patriation of the Canadian constitution was to consider the wishes of all the Canadian people as a whole and not the diktat of Mr Trudeau.

Mr Anthony Grant (Harrow, Central, C) also asked: Will she consider the relations between the consider of the relations. Consider the relations between Britain and Canada? The Canadian britain and canada; I ne canadian Frime Minister is insisting publicly that Mrs Thatcher undertook to impose a three line whip to put through this House the proposals on patriation of the constitution.

whips are not decided on unit days before the business of House when we know exactly the position is and exactly the request is that we may to honour.

majority, 52. The House adjourned 10.43 r

I wholly confirm what I already said—that we have received any request from Canadian Government. When do receive it, it is our dois deal with it as expeditional possible.

Protecting nature sites of special interest

Mr. Michael Foot, Leader of the Opposition (Ebbw Vale, Lab): I thank her for her generous answer to Mr Parry (Labour laughter and cheers.) Will she be dealing with the correspondence herself or will some minister he put in charge of House of Lords

Loss or serious damage to sites of special scientific interests in England was dramatically and appallingly higher than had previously been expected, Lord Melchett (Lab) said on the fifth day of the committee stage of the Wildlife and Countryside Bill.

He said it had been thought that the rate of loss or serious damage some minister be put in charge or these requests?

Will she undertake to publish each week in Hansard the requests from all Labour MPs who face closures? May I put in my own request to come and look at closures in my own constituency right away, with all the others? The mext week? (Renewed the rate of loss or serious damage was 4 or 5 per cent a year, but figures released yesterday by the Nature Conservancy Council

Name Conservancy Council showed that in 1980 serious damage or loss was running at 10

per cent. In Dorset it was 32 per Front has got it wrong. (Laughter.) I said I would see cent. He moved an amendment to Clause 26 (Orders designating cer-tain areas of special scientific in-terest) which, he said, would help A big delegation must always stop the catastrophic destruction of sites.

The figures revealed by the NCC go to the minister concerned, just as this main delegation went to Mr Walker. I personally will

were a national and international scandal. There was no hope of carrying out international obligations to safeguard natural habitats without stopping the catastrophic destruction of sites.

The amendment, which would provide the power to protect all sites of special scientific interest, would help stop the destruction. Without it, the time spent on the earlier part of the Bill would be earlier.

To apply the concept of super protection to all 3,800 sites would be a draconian measure and it would mean the physical and financial resources of the NCC were so strained that the whole objective of the Government's intentions

might be jeopardised. might be jeopardised.

There was no point in possing the amendment and giving the impression that all sites of special scientific interest would be given full protection. That would be a false impression because the Government did not think it could be because the factories.

honoured. The amendment was withdrawn. Lord Craigton (C) said all shades of conservation opinion believed the Governments' proposal to limit protection to just a few sites of special scientific interest was most objectionable and should be done away with.

He moved an amendment to Clause 26 and spoke to a series of other amendments, under which owner-occupiers would be notified when land under their control was a site of special scientific interest and way operators might cause and what operations might cause damage to the heritage value of the wasted.
The Earl of Avon, Lord in Waiting, said the Government proposals sals in the Bill were clearly in-

encompassed a wide range of powers which would give super protection to the most threatened sites identified by the NCC.

To apply the concept of super protection to all 3,800 sites would for interest. fic interest.
Lord Renton (C) said that arrange-

ments to protect the habitat had broken down. In Huntingdonshire 88 per cent of all hedgerows had been destroyed in the past 30 years. That must have had a tremendous effect on the habitat and wild life of small birds.

Thirty one years ago there was a wood at the side of the Fen where the swallow tailed butterfly flourished, but since the river authority decided to lower the level of the water table the vegitarion upon which that butterfly tation upon which that butterfly depended had been destroyed and

for designation These sites were not super ones. It was the protection that was super. Of the present total of 3,800 special sites which the NCC considered areas of special scientific interest, there were some which

were of super quality and many of international as well as national value. Those had no statutory protection other than where they were owned by the NCC, or a conservation body, or the owner was willing to reach agreement with the NCC. The clause, for the first time, gave statutory protection for special sites.

The Government accepted the special sites.

The Government accepted the general burden of the first part of

the amendment. It was common ground that the NCC should have a statutory duty to inform all owners of land which was of special scienof and which was of special scientific interest, why it was of interest, and what operations might damage the land. The Government would be tabling omendments accordingly. Whatever happened, it would

tation upon which that butterfly depended had been destroyed and the butterfly had never been seen.

Lady White (Lab) said that it was incredible that anybody could suppose that the selection of 40 or 50 special sites would save Britain's natural heritage.

The Earl of Avon, a Lord in Waiting, said that no specific sites were at the moment under consideration for designation.

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The sites designated for super protection would automatically constitute land charges as would land subject to agreements which had a binding effect on successors. That would not be the case with the generality of sites. Of the 3,800 sites, about one third were not susceptible to damage or destruction. susceptible to damage or destruc-tion, by their nature.

EEC Commission was tabled by the Socialist European Democratic and Liberal and Democratic Groups. A combined motion expressed confidence in the Commission for the execution of the 1981 programme and instructed the President of the Parliament to forward the result of the Parliament to forward the result of the vote to the EEC Commission and Council of Ministers.

A second motion tabled on behalf of the Christian Democratic

group approved the appointment of the Commission and called on it to reach an inter-institutional agreement with Parliament on future cooperation.

It suggested that legislative properlies beautiful out he submission results and the superised results and the submission results and the superised results. posals should not be submitted to the Council before Parliament had the Council before Parliament had deliberated on them and that legislative initiatives by Parliament should be taken up by the Commission and submitted for adoption to the Council.

Support should be given to Parliament's effort to give more effective form to the councillation procedure which should be extended.

dure which should to legal acts without financial im-plications.

Finally, the motion recom-mended that in response to an adequately reasoned request by Parliament, proceedings against a member state should be instituted in the European Court of Justice.

A new look at the problem of unemployment in line EEC was called for by Lady Elles (Thames Valley, ED) during the debate on the Commission's recommendations. the Commission's programme. People would have to realize that a diploma was not a passport to a job and that most would now have to change jobs at least three times during their lifetimes: It should not be called unemploy-

Support for Commission's plan

ment when people were turned out of one factory and later started a job in another. It should be called redeployment because the term suggested people who were idle or did not want to work. This was a degrading description.

Herr Fritz-Gautier (West Germany, Soc), for the Socialist group, said that after the collapse of the fisheries talks in Brussels, he had the

impression that by the time they arrived at a common fisheries policy, they would either have no fish or no fishermen left.

The Commission should indicate what steps if was contemplating following the failure of the cilies in following the failure of the talks in the United Kingdom, fishermen were on strike and blocking the ports. They were also blockaded in Germany where French vessels had

ED) said when the Commissic about reassessment of the coragnicultural policy, it should from the fuct that it was no life a common policy; it had been merged in an avalanche of pair alds which were uncoordit

Mr David Curry (Essex. N.

If the situation continued,

would be a bankruptcy of North Sea fisheries with the lighthousands of jobs with all thousands of jobs with all of the effects this would have or on the search of the sea

The votes of confidence ref to earlier were withdrawn. So other versions were discussed. other versions were discussed.

Parliament eventually pass motion tabled by the Chr Democratic group, the Liberal Democratic group and the pean Democratic group apprithe appointment of the Consion, taking note of its program and declaring itself in agret with the underlying political ciples.

iples.

It noted with satisfaction to since it. been repulsed and todays' transport of fish from Holland and Denmark had been sent back.

While the Council prevaricated While the Council prevaricated document almed at reaching a document While the Council prevaricated lobs were lost. The irony was that there was plenty of fish around the EEC, but there was the absence of tions for future cooperation.

Today at 9.30: Private Members' Billstriatit (Mecliancous Provisions) Bill and Streety of Children in Cars Bill, second readings. House of Lords Today at 11: Wildlife and Countryside Bull committee (Sixth day).

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Cassavetes's caustic view of life in the States

Columbia

Prostitute (X) Screen on the Green/ Cinecenta

Little Lord Fauntlerov

Classic, Haymarket

More American Graffiti (AA) Plaza

The Cat and the Canary (AA) Odeon. Kensington

fhe Devil and Max Devlin (A)

dom in editate Ninth for Scotland Configuration (X) Odeon,

St. Martin's Lane

in Italian-American family is bout to be murdered. At the ast moment the six-year-old an is handed to Gloria, a cluctant babysitter. When the ramily is shot dead, the Media come hunting for the boy, sgainst her better judgment, lloria revives her maternal eelings and goes on the run. This is the core of Gloria, a briller too engrossing to estch in comfort and a film thich moves the anti-commer-

al directional career of John assaretes away from the foridding confusion of his last, he Killing of a Chinese tookie. In Gloria Cassavetes thes a caustic view of life in he United States.

ic it is a land where organized time does as it likes. The reces of law and order are it to be trusted. The Mafia reads a parailel web of authity and demands even more yaity than legitimate busi-ss. There is no room for diss. There is no room for dis-t and those who try to buck father whose heart is thawed system are swiftly exe-by the young aristocrat's gen-

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spagers to attend and speak.

ich a conference has just sen held, ar the 92nd Street oung Men's/Young Women's

ebrew Association, and, pre-

ctably, emotion overcame ason, et least on the first day

the crowded session, before e musical businessmen took

American contemporary usic is a richer arena for

Hemics than other native proicts simply because it is far

re has its infighting among

upeting composers and their bools, but only in the United ates does this rivalry extend youd the bounds of what is nsidered "serious" or "clas-

al" music. Up to about irty years ago, it was cepted that music worthy of

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marcation has been subject

Jazz, of course, was the first

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ed, but more recently the ork of certain Tin Pan Alley mposers and, latterly that of

tk composers whose work s influenced their more

der critical scrutiny and probation. This has led to e severe discomfiture of

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for their parents' crimes.
The power of the film stems from Gena Rowlands os Gloria. from Gena Rowlands of Gloria. Encouraged by Cassaveres to extemporize, she adopts a mood of desperate realism, playing up the toughness of a woman whose better nature demands that she save the skin of a dislikable boy, played with unappealing blankness by Juhn Adomes. Miss Rowlands's performance is rich and confident, unfailing in its intelligence, unstinting in its conviction.

The longer the fugitives hold out against their lethal pur-suers, the more the film becomes funtusy, ending with a scene of irritating ambiguity. Cassavetes turns the thriller into a moral fable, accusing those who shun action of con-coning the crimes of the status

Women who put themselves outside the law and cannot rely upon police protection are the subject of Tony Garnett's directorial debut, Prostitute. Previously Garnett has collaborated with Ken Loach on films like Kes and Law and O. der, using extemporized acting and a pseudo-documentary style to humanize social and pulitical issues.

Garnett has returned to his home town, Birmingham, and, working with a cast of actors and prostitutes, has aimed to raise the level of public debate about prostitution by providing some facts. Prostitution is not illegal in Britain but the act of soliciting is. Those who have been cautioned by the police three times may be introduced in court as a "common prosti-tute", which campaigners for reform consider to be prejudi-

There is no special pleading. It is enough for Garnett and those who helped him, who include members of the programme for the reform of the law on soliciting to show pros-titutes as ordinary, vulnerable women plying a distasteful and sometimes dangerous trade. ly republican Colin Blakeley They claim that because of and a soft and understated their links with criminality Connie Booth. and the hysteria which surrounds sexual matters, prostitutes have been deprived of particularly after the shabby
common justice and often period premiere granted to
become victims of police

The Sailor's Return, a film barassment

original Little Lord Fauntleroy in 1922, dressing up in drag to act Frances Hodgson Burnett's bay who is really a British earl. In 1936 the film was remade with Freddie Bartho-lomew in the title role. Both films are bard to follow, but Jack Gold's Little Lord Faunt-lerop, set in Belvoir Castle, is enough not to attract comparison.

Alec Guinness's central per-

music of greater aural,

attack on earlier (almost cer-

tainly serial) music—which he bimself once wrote—and this

brought an instant response

from the traditionalist com-

poser Hugo Weisgall, who pro-

ceeded to dissect Rochberg's paper with a liberal dose of vitriol. Both positions were dis-

dainfully rejected by a speaker

from the audience, the com-

poser-critic Gregory Sandow, who referred to both as members of an "uptown

members of an "uotown tribe" which had little relation

more important work of

downtown" experimental groups, which by inference included the composers Philip Glass, Steve Reich and many

The composer Jacob Druck-

man, on the panel, registered his discomfiture (he later con-

fessed to be suffering from a

hangover) by lambasting the YMHA for spending monies

for a talkathon rather than for

performances of music, and said that Elliott Carter had

told him he was not present

because "I only appear if my

music is played —this even though Carter's early Cello

Sonata had been programmed the night before by Yo-Yo Ma.

The usual feminist speaker (from the floor) delivered the

usual diatribe against the male proceedings, although in the

second panel a token woman composer (Joan Tower) had

been included. Steve Reich's thoughtful and well-expressed

second paper seemed to cool tempers, although here the

Musical in-fighting in USA

contemporary American and therefore audience, acces-usic and invite a passel of sibility. He included a veiled

ore various. Any musical cul- to and less influence on the



Gena Rowlands as Gloria, a performance unstituting in its conviction

erous nature is a major strength. And Ricky Shroder, as the boy, deserves credit for subduing the incessant chirpiness which marred his first outing, in Franco Zeffirelli's Le Mat Charles Martin Smith, remake of The Champ. The supporting cast is thoroughly sound, too, led by a humorously republican Colin Blakeley and a soft and understated Connie Booth.

ommon justice and often television premiere granted to recome victims of police The Sailor's Return, a film which needed a large screen Mary Pickford played the riginal Little Lord Fauntleroy minor irritants, like a toon 1922, dressing up in drag to glamorous slum and perpetual of Frances Hodgson Burnett's old-fashioned looks between servants. Gold's achievement, however, is to make a thoroughly enjoyable family film at a time when no one else seems capable of it.

Eight years ago George Lucas made American Graffici, a loud, energetic celebration of cruising around in cars in 1962 America. Lucas is the executive producer of More Ameri-can Graffiti but has left the direction to B. W. L. Norton,

zine Commentary and a person

whose musical outlook is widely thought to be represent-

ative of the philosophy of the current Washington adminis-

tration, gave a reasoned appraisal of America's musical

past, focusing on composers born in a 30-year period from

1880, such as Hanson, Sessions, Barber, Thomson and Copland. Martin Mayer immediately sub-

stituted George Gershwin and Duke Ellington (to applause)

his elitist viewpoint, seconded by the ubiquitous Weisgall,

by the ubiquitous Weisgall, and was in turn attacked from

the floor by someone who maintained that the panel was

irrelevant because these com-posers were names out of a

way to music in the evening, for a concert of American

works performed by the Y

Chamber Symphony under its conductor Gerard Schwarz. The

highlights of the music were a

transcription, by Schwarz, for

string orchestra of an early,

neo-classic string quartet by Harold Schapero, and a mar-vellously virtuosic and winning

trumpet concerto by Gunther Schuller, Although written for

Patrick J. Smith

Max Harrison

Norton has little success in invoking premature postalgia as he fails to authentically revive the time. The rare nudges to the memory come mostly through the music, which is needlessly kept in the background.

What is more, to overcome the lurches forward and back from one year to another, he attempts to make things clearer by changing the screen size. Nineteen-sixty-four is in Panavision. Vietnam is blown-up 16mm. Scenes to do with psychedelia use an intrusive

play. Honor Blackman, Edward Fox, Wendy Hiller, Daniel Massey and others are billeted in an empty country house during a thunder storm to bear a 20-year-old will read from beyond the grave by a monochrome Wilfrid Hyde White on a home movie, During the night they are mur-dered one by one. It is a dawdling and less suspenseful attempt to ape René Clair's 1945 And Then There Was

The notion of a reprieve from death has generated some splendid films, including blichael Powell's Between Michael Powell's Between Heaven and Hell and Warren Beatty's remake of Ernst Lubitsch's Heaven Can Wait. The idea returns in a Walt Disney lecture on talking to strangers. The Devil and Max Devlin, directed by Steven Hilliard Stern.

Elliott Gould walks through split screen. The result is confusion.

The theatre favourite of the Thirties, the whodunit, is resurrected by Radley Metzger's The Cat and the Canary, from John Willard's Cosby, as a black angel, is

given no chance to make a similar contribution and the film stays firmly in the starchy Disney mould, even down to a wholly illogical happy ending.

The tearaway success of The

Exercise owned more to the skil-ful direction of William Fried-kin and the revived public appetite for terror than it did to the quality of writing in the novel by William Peter Blatty. On the strength of that film, however, Blatty has produced, written and directed The Ninth Configuration, adapted from his own novel and starring, among others, Blatty, his wife and child.

The traditional division of labour usually helps to min-imize the excesses which riddle this film. The story is ridiculous and incoherent, inventing a castle packed with mad or feigning Vietnam veterans and an astronaut. An insane colonel (Stacy Keach) arrives and under his supervision the asy-lum becomes a forum for lum becomes a forum for Blatty's homespun theories on

Nicholas Wapshott

Festival Hall

William Mann

for the BBC Symphony Orches-tra the conductorship of South Bank concerts is shared between present and past incumbents. So it was that Wednesday's conductor was Antal Dorari who guided the BBCSO through a difficult period in the mid-1960s. He chose to revive Roberto Gerhard's cantata The Plague, of which he gave the first porformance during those years, and coupled it with Britten's

these days. Not much has been heard of

Although Lobel writes and draws only for children, he does not consciously think of his audience when he works.

"They're about my neuroses.

Does he find, for instance, that in his life there is too much order? "I'm a very ordered person", he explained "Only a truly ordered person can know how destructive organization can be, how like

of the one about the hippopotamus." (He eats too much and cannot get up from the table.)

Lobel's own children are now 21 and 25 and he finds it harder to write for youngsters now that he has none at home. "Did you know that A. A. Milne only wrote the Winnie the Pooh books when Christo-

That may explain why Fables seems as popular with grown-ups as with children. It lias led reviewers to compare Lobel with the other fable-writ-

isons irritate him. "You don't compare anyone who writes a play with everyone else who writes a play

Michael Leapman

BBC SO/Dorati

In this golden jubilee delightful Spring Symphony thus giving plentiful oppor tunity for admiration of the BBC Singers and Symphony Chorus, both in splendid fettle

The Plague in the meanwhile. Albert Camus's symbolic horror-story is, alas, no less topical now than 17 years ago: as the medico-narrator remarks, to-wards the end, "the plague wards the end, the plague bacillus never dies, it can lie dormant for years and bide its time". Gerhard's musical set-ting has surely grown more ap-proachable, the violent music still excitable, the writing for percussion no less brilliant and imaginative.

The flat narrative style of the text did not help the composer to explore, as he plainly de-sired, the wider implications of the disaster. The plague chorus in the middle, and the shouts of joy at the end, should convey a massive effect, but in this performance still sounded scrappy, like the factual opening. The narrative for speaker, soberly delivered by Michael Rippon, seems to keep the musical commentary too much at bay. Yet, at almost any moment, there is some masterly musical idea to engage the attention, and the whole makes a sobering experience. Obstinately I shall wait for a conductor who will cause the music to blaze.

The performance of Britten's Spring Symphony was blessed with appreciative soloists. Sheila Armstrong savoured the celebration of the "happy, dirty, driving-boy", lifted each of her bird-calls, in "Spring, the sweet Spring ", with a special expres-sive touch, and duetted robustly with Anthony Rolfe-Johnson in Fair and Fair". He was particularly persuasive in the gentle lyrical music of "Waters Above", rather too restrained for "The Merry Cuckoo", or indeed the part of Master of Ceremonies in the finale, who must proclaim forthrightly.

Sarah Walker caught ideally the relaxed, faintly anxious, chiefly idvllic eloquence of "A Summer Night", surely the emotional centre of the work, and an exquisitely crafted song. Southend Boys Choir sang out excellently in "Fly Venus and ohlebotomy" (arcane instruction), a strong match for the BBC choirs. Dorati conducted a benevolent, watchful, unforced reading, very loyal, decently played, less effervescent than expected.

Theatre

The cartoonist and the censor

No End of Blame Oxford

Irving Wardle

Important art", says Howard Barker's cartoonist hero, "is about us. Great art is about me . . . I hate paint; give me

selective reference you could say that No End of Blame (expanded from a banned television play) explores this con-trast through the careers of two Hungarian artists, from their wartime experiences in 1918 to their last meeting in a London mental hospital 55 years later. mental hospital 55 years later.

Barker's plays, however, do
not yield to neat summary: and
even in the opening scene—a
battlefield life class—you have
to adjust your sympathies in
three directions, as Grigor (the
fine artist) is avidly sketching
a terrified nude girl who
escapes when Bela (the hero)
advances on the model intending to rape her.

ing to rape her,

Thereafter we get one scene in the Budapest Institute of Fine Art, and the painter drops out of the picture leaving Bela in sole command of the play; and the carroon-fine art theme

Variety

Phoenix

Ned Chaillet

First impressions can be damning, but a rude clerk in the box office seemed determined to supply a nasty taste to the open-ing of the Phoenix Theatre's new venture in West End variety. The ugly curtain saying That's Showbiz! did nothing to reassure one and the first few notes of the overture emphasized a drummer who sounded as though he had been recruited from a Soho strip joint. When the Phoenix Dancers clumped on, with four men seemingly uniuterested in dancing with each other, or with the women dancers, it began to look as if the show's title could be changed to "That's Tacky !"

Ken Goodwin, the show's principal comedian, continued that tone when he swallowed his punchlines or covered them with his own laughter. By the middle of the show he was asking suxiously after nearly

At Home

Riverside Studios

Ned Chaillet

Michael Weller is such an overtly American playwright in his tone of voice and comic rhythms that it is easy to forget his early close ties to the British Theatre. His last fulllength play, Loose Ends is a 10-year leap in the chronicling of his generation which he began with the play Cancer at the Royal Court in 1970, and it is overdue for an airing in Loudon. Walter Donohue's lunchtime production of At Home works rather as a trailer for that larger play, displaying Mr Weller's fine skills of characterization through prickly conversation.

They are skills which keep the surface of his plays alive with a twitchy naturalism, exploiting the tendency of people to skirt round the issues which trouble them. The two characters in At Home a married couple, still sore fore plastering the rift over from a trivial skirmish over the with words of equally real salad howl where they have affection.

gives way to an exploration of artistic freedom. Bela's mission is to speak the truth: where can he do it? The play follows his long pilgrimage through the Russia of the New Economic Policy and the 1930s and his warrime emigration to England, where he blossoms under the name of "Vera" for a mass circulation daily before being supplanted in the 1970s by a new boy who can make the proprietor laugh.

proprietor laugh.

So far as the English scenes are concerned, "Vera" seems to be based on Vicky and Donald Zec-whose famous wartime cartoon "The price of petrol has been increased by one penny: official" supplies his main conflict with British officialdom. The key Russian scene shows him being grilled by a nervously polite committee by a nervously polite committee at the Writers' and Artists' Union and consenting to tear up a cartoon making fun of Lenin. Neither scene does much to support the idea of ferocious state censorship implied in Paul Freeman's portrait of the grimly suspicious artist; and it is left to Gerald Scarfe's brilliantly horrendous back projections to convey just what the jections to convey just what the truth is that he is so keen to

every joke "did you get it?" The highlight of his routines was the presentation of a dog trained to walk off when Mr Goodwin began singing, Not, I would imagine, a difficult trick.

The strength of variety has always been the possibility of one good act following another, and several good acts taking heat off the bad ones, John Redgrave's staging aimed at that traditional balance, with Bobby Davro, a likeable impressionist whose mimicry failed to make much of an impression, followed by the Great Vovari, an illusionist who sawed a woman in half. Both could have berter nights.

But twice, in two and a half hours, the cavilling stopped. The first time was for pointed and precise tap-daucing of the Clark Brothers, shining in their professionalism, and the second time was for the young, witty show-stopping pair of jugglers, Dr Hot and Neon. Variety could fill the beautiful Phoenix Theatre if all the acts had the skill and imagination

been surprised by the depth of their anger. Trying to effect a truce before their dinner guests arrive, they vent more anger and buriful sexual confessions on each other.

There is more to their marriage than simmering frustretion, however, and Mr Weller's very funny writing is incisive in exploring the whole relation-ship. They may come to no clear understanding of the reasons for their fight, but the audience can see the desperation that bolds the two together. in a constant fear of intruders. even if the intruders happen to be close friends.

Kevin McNally and Kathryn Pogson give well-rounded per-formances, conscious of the conversational gains that must be played if emotions are not to rule. They each recognize the delightfully absurd quality of their quarrel, and give full play to the comic lines, but Mr McNally goes farther, opening up the depths of his character for one raw moment of pain be-

Telemann and all his pleasures

Barlow Baroque Players

Purcell Room

Stanley Sadie

Georg Phillip Telemann, the tercentenary of whose birth falls next month, must qualify as the most ingenious, most energetic composer of his age. His output was vast, and besides composing he taught, he played, he theorized, he organized concerts he engraved organized concerts, he engraved music, he edited a monthly journal, he investigated folk lances, and in his spare time he seems to have pursued an interest in botany. No wonder, perhaps, that his

music is not of the profoundest. It rarely sounds as if it took long in gestation or was the product of deep or hard thinking. But it is unfailingly fluent, neatly and efficiently written, brimful of ideas, and immensely characteristic. Wednesday's celebration of him by the Barlow Baroque Players offered a selection of his chamber music, some of it Italianate, some of it "French: fied", some of it pure United Netions, and all of it instantly recognizable as his. His national disguises never concealed much of the real man.

The Barlow players did not

and the pieces that worked the best were those with long, cantabille Italian lines, in particular the two trio sonatas. One in E minor with violin and recorder seemed especially with its inventive, with broad closely melodies imitative writing, the melody instruments sometimes follow ing one another, sometimes diverging just enough to intrigue the ear. One in E major, would-be Corellian in style but still unmistakable Telemann, started charmingly with the line elegantly passing from violin to flute and back, again imitations with subtle differences.

The quick movements here, however, were so dully played that no amount of Telemann ingenuity could bring them to life: in the gigue finale, for example, Mr Berlow and his colleagues got through without from the music. No wonder the effect was lethargic. In No 10 of the Paris Quartets, music demanding careful, stylish shap-ing, especially if it is to sound at all French, the routine interpretation drained its grace and character.

Telemann's enterprise, his wit, his cheerfulness never flagged; after all, much of his music was designed for amateur recreation. But it would have profited from a more assured instrumental command, more characterize the music, attentive musiciunship.

THE RETURN OF ONE OF THE SCREEN'S TRUE CLASSICS! Wuthering Heights FROM CATETWO CATEMAY FAIR

to battleground was estab-box-office-is-king point of view of Isaac Stern cootrasted with the art-is-king point of view of London debuts

ve a performance, however, and it was masterful—maybe Wirr ther self-consciously so with imperious gestures of hand d arm. But even if the first wement was seen mainly as conflagration between hands paration for the Scherzo to amplitude. ich it is joined; indeed, the althy appearance of the latures was a genuinely drama-

Miss Leonskaja's ardent yet otionally rather foursquare ponse to Brahms would lously not suit the often vate and elusive moods of humann's Fantasiestücke Op over completely, as it nearly icz presented and she showed herself a did in this recital. Miss Bia-rather than music.

ahms's Sonata Op 2 is a des-rate struggle for most refined, "Warum?" trem-rulous, "In der Nacht" black turbulent, Wirren" fleeting and insubstantial, an almost nebulous presence. During a performance such as this last received one forgets how conventional the figuration basiidante there was enquisite which was dressed in warm trol and much expressive colours, the whole conveying lying, ending with a subtle an impression of force and

lines of its slow movement, Szymanowski's Violin Sonata Op 9 of 1904 is not a typical piece, and the performance by Antonina Bialas, and even icate, and hence something of more that of her planist, a relief in view of the consis-Andrew Pledge, was far too loud. Such resonant confidence has its place yet should not take

en in these days of natural pianist in the way she las's playing was more enjoy-vanced technical excellence modified her approach here, able in Szymanowski's more ahms's Sonata Op 2 is a des- "Des Abends" was remote and characteristic Romance Op 20 (1910), a more testing piece because of its more personal language, in which she

achieved considerable sensuous

beauty. . This was an all-Polish programme and Paderewski's Sonata Op 13 came next, offering, as might be expected of d keys the playing was quite cally is. A powerful but perd keys the playing was quite cally is. A powerful but perd keys the playing was quite cally is. A powerful but perd tonal richness. In the ceptive grasp was shown also
of Chopin's Sonata Op 58, thoughts. It is efficiently
dante there was exquisite
which was dressed in warm
written, though, which is to
colours, the whole conveying say effectively and with acatrol and much expressive demic correctness in the lingua franca of late Romanticism. Except in the high-flying There are many sonorous textures, and it was thrown off with considerable gusto by both participants, A Recitativo by Lutoslawski was more delicate, and hence something of tently loud playing elsewhere but an unaccompanied Sonata by the prolific Grazyna Bacew-

presented calisthenics

Books-

tere are few better ways to defence, by the composer several others. If up a cauldron of control George Rochberg, of what has Samuel Lipman, pianist, critic for Norman Podhoretz's maga. The anarchic fabulist

and economical literary formpre-packed, with an explicit morals. moral self-contained—that it is surprising it is tried so seldom. It is probably harder than it looks: yet Arnold Lobel, the latest fable-monger, has just schieved a substantial success.

He has just been awarded the Caldecott Medal, one of the two leading awards for writers of and Joan Peyser, editor of The Musical Quarterly, added her endorsement of these non-high art figures. Lipman defended Harper and Row are reprint-

ing his collection of 20 tales, called simply Fables, although their autumn run of 50,000 was in itself an ambitious printing for a children's hardback. Jonathan Cape published the book in Britain last year. Lobel is a middle-aged illustrator from Brooklyn best

history book, 'not part of today's music, and who in any case had written all their best music before he was born. Lipfor his "frog and series for younger children. Fables happened by accident. He was asked to do the pictures for a new edition ary's birthdate did not bulk large in musical history. Verbal duels finally gave of Aesop but, after re-reading those fables decided he would prefer to make up his own.

The morals are on the face of it a curious mixture. Some of them are highly well, highly moral: "It is the high and mighty who have the long-est distance to fall and a first failure may prepare the way for later success" and "it is always difficult to nose a is always difficult to pose as something that one is not".

Yet others seem frankly anarchic, encouraging in children behaviour that adults Schwarz—a distinguished trum-peter also—the concerts was played brilliantly by his pro-tege Stephen Burns. traditionally preferred to suppress. "Without a them to suppress. "Without a doubt, there is such a thing as too much order.", declares the first take, about a crocodile who so prefers the neat flower pattern of his wallpaper to the huphazard flowers in his garden that he stays indoors in bed and becomes ill.

Parents who try to get their children to keep their rooms tidy—an American cultural obsession-will scarcely welcome that message. Nor will they be pleased with the story about a kangaroo who plays pranks in school; when the head teacher complains the parents play pranks on him. (Moral: "A child's conduct will reflect the way of his

parents.") When I raised with him this apparent inconsistency of tone, Mr Lobel replied disarmingly: I'm a little confused myself. The morals weren't at first supposed to be there.

"When I wrote them I said I wouldn't put morals in them. the other, shoe not to have them-like music when you miss the final beat. . "Fables used to be caution-

ary tales to teach us how to behave. I didn't think they could any longer serve that he points out. That could function so I tried to make the almost be a moral for another morals not really serious. -"I'm almost sorry I did put them in Everyone seems to

The fable is such an attractive like the stories and the controversy seems to lie with the

> Whether you agree with them or not, the morals and tales should provide rich mate-rial for social historians of the future. They are packed with clues to modern American atti-"Satisfaction will come to

those who please themselves declares the moral at the end of a story about a camel who becomes a ballet dancer admired only by herself. This could be the motto of the "me" generation: self-gratifigeneration: self-gratification is paramount.

A similar idea infuses the most delightful of all the fables, about an ostrich who spends a week wooing a beautiful female in his imagination but cannot finally pluck up courage to introduce himself to her. It was a well-spent week nevertheless. "Love can be its own reward."

"I don't think children, I think me", he said.

obsessions and compulsions, which turn out to be childish. They're really about this cranky, middle-aged man that I

death it can be. "Too much of anything can lead to regret. That's the moral

"The overriding moral is moderation in all things." But what about the prank-playing kangaroo? "That's a story about family love, the closeness of family ries."

pher was the same age as he is in the book? When Christopher grew up Milne went back to writing for adults."

But it was like not dropping ers-Aesop, La Fontaine and James Thurber, who wrote chiefly for adults. The compar-

Cricket

Downton receives first cap and hope remains for Rose

From John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent

Port of Spain, Feb 12
England's wicketkeeper in the first Test match here tomorrow will be Paul Downton, who, when he came down from Exeter Uni-

he came down from Exeter University last June, seemed unlikely even to get into the Middlescx side. Before that he was with Kent, who must be wondering now how they came to let him go.

This will be Downton's first cap. The fact that he played against Trindad recently, on the same ground, influenced the selectors (Messrs Botham, Smith, Barrington and Willis). Queen's Park has always been a difficult ground for wicketkeepers to get to know, with the ball coming through low and slowly. It had also to be taken into account that there are three into account that there are three spinners in the England 12 and

spinners in the legislate 12 and that Bairstow is not at his best keeping against spin.
Old is preferred to Stevenson, and Rose, in spite of a run of low scores, will almost certainly play. What has kept Rose's hopes alive it the need for a number play. What has kept Rose's nopes alive is the need for a number three. Although much thought has been given to batting Miller there, especially In view of Rose's lack of form, this has now, I think, been ruled out for the moment at any rate. Rose is described by Botham as being a good "big match player" and it does no harm his being left-handed. He also headed the English batting averages against

being left-handed. He also headed the English batting averages against West Indies in England last summer, falling to reach 30 in only one of his six Test lunings.

Whoaver is left out tomorrow—and it could be one of as many as five players, Gatting, Emburey. Miller, Willey and even Old if Gooch does some bowling—England's chances will rest heavily with the batting of Boycott and Gooch; Boycott, for the stability he brings to an innings, and Gooch, for the flair which enabled him at Lord's last June to play one of the finest of all post-

another who is capable of putting even the fastest bowlers out of their stride, is, rather sadly, not in the 12. It would be a more exciting side with him in it. It is likely, though, to be more of a grafter's pitch than a stroke-

successful sides when, as they approach a period of transition, they become vulnerable. Lloyd's side has certainly been highly successful—since World Series Cricket was disbanded West Indies bave won the World Cup and lost only one of their 15 Test matches—and the captain himself is likely to make this his last series. When West Indies go to Austra. When West Indies go to Australia next autumn the chances are that they will be led by Richards and it is more likely to be then, as Richards takes the helm, than now, as Lloyd prepares to make way, that the ship will roll.

Lloyd's one remaining ambition as a Test captain is to lead West Indies to their first home victory over England since 1947-48. Last winter, under him, they won a series in Australia for the first time. It is the wish of every West Indian to see England beaten now—or of all but a few. Banners are, in fact, being raised in Port of Spain asking people, to boycott tomorrow's Test march because of the omission from the West Indian side of Deryck Murray. The Island's captain and a somewhat belated hero, "West Indies without Deryck is like PNM without Eric", one of them says, the PNM being Trindad's ruling People's National Movement and Doctor Eric Williams being their ersymble leader.



Downton: now the student faces a difficult graduation on relatively familiar ground

way, it is one of the reasons why
West Indies do find it difficult to
do themselves justice out here.
History also shows, and the
authorities know it, that it is from
such disputes as this that greater
troubles flow, There will be no
leave for the riot squad this weekmut.

was played in Australia during the
controversial winters of 1977-78
and 1978-79. His last first-class
match as an umpire was the first
Test against Australia (without
their WSC players) in March,
1978, whereafter the Australians
objected to him.

leave for the riot squad this weekand.

To umpire the match Douglas
Sang Hue has been recalled. As
one of Kerry Packer's senior
impires Sang Hue must shoulder
some of the responsibility for the
growing need of helmets. Under
his control some chilling cricket

objected to him.

He is, however, more experienced than anyone else, and
Denness's side thought well of
him when he stood in all their
five Test matches in 1973-74.
Sang Hue's partner tomorrow will
be Clyde Cumberbatch, who

long (he has umpired fewer than half a dozen first-class matches) looked to have a fair grip on things in England's recent match unings in England's recent match
while indies from: C. H.
Lloyd (aplain). S. F. A. Bacchus.
C. E. Croit. J. Garner, H. A. Gomes.
C. G. Greenidge, D. L. Baynes. M. A.
Holding, E. H. Mattls. D. A. Murray,
R. Nangn, I. V. A. Richards, A. M. E.
Roberts.

Test averages at end of Indian tour of Australia

Bowling

Rugby Union

Hawick hope to put the champions in their place

India rubber men elated

Leicester, the John Player Cup injury which threatened to end his the country's leading clubs. The Leicester committee, who agreed last May to support the principle of merit tables, remained leagues and the support given him by the club coach, H. V. "Chalkle" White.

"Chalkie" White.

Leicester are one of several English clubs who meet Welsh opposition tomorrow. They entertain Newport at Welford Road while Bristol travel to Cardiff, Hariequins to Lianelli. Pontypool are in London playing Saracens and Newbridge take on Exeter in the West Country. The Welsh selectors have still to finalise the team to meet Ireland in Cardiff next week, and will be in force at the Cooli where Neath entertain Swansea.

The promising Neath full back. where Neath entertain Swansea.

The promising Neath full back, Jonathon Griffith, their leading points scorer in his first full season in senior rugby, has emerged as a candidate to oust J. P. R. Williams. The Swansea scrum half, Bryumor Williams, and lock, Wheel, have a last chance to re-establish their reputations but the centre, David Richards, whose international future is also at risk, misses the game because of a wedding.

Lianeill have two reasons for Lianelli have two reasons for celebration. In training Nicholas showed no ill effects after a knee injury at Murraylield and will be back on the wing, while jeff Griffith, the Wales B wing, returns on the other flank after a cartilage operation. It will be his first match since he played against the Harlequins at Twicken-

Bert Greaves, the Moseley tighthead prop who three seasons ago played in England's final trial and scored two tries on his first Barbarians appearance, emerges from the shadow cast by injury, Greaves, now 32, has won his battle against a severe neck

ham in September.

Auckland, Feb 12.—The Indian team arrived here for their New Zealand tour tonight, still elated by their Test success against Australia in Melbourne yesterday. Wing Commander Shabid Durrani, the manager, said: "We have won a Test in Australia before, but this was the first time we have drawn a rubber and it has set us up nicely for the Now Zealand tour". India bowled out Australia for 83 in the second innings to draw the series 1—1.

Sunil Gavaskar, the captain, expressed regret for staying at the second innings and then appearing went off inside me which I hope will never happen again to me, or to any of the Indian team". Commenting on Australian umptres, Gavaskar said they left a lot to be desired, but added: "Umpiring mistakes occur in every country and I think they should be taken in the right spirit. Unfortunately, with so many Test matches being played now, so much travel, so much pressure to win with so much money involved; I think there are times when losers lose their cool".

holders, have rejected the pro. career in the police force as well posal to form a national league as his rugby-playing days. He has also won the fight for his former position against Acaster, sged 23, who joined the club from Dudley Kingswinford at the start of the season and graduopposed to the suggestion despite the club captain and England hooker. Peter Wheeler, publicly declaring himself in favour of leagues and the support given him by the club coach, H. V. "Chalkie" White.

In 18 months, Greaves has played one first team game. He missed the whole of last season because of the spinal injury and, after reporting fit at the start of this season, suffered a hamstring strain during training. Tight head prop is one of several positions still undecided as Moseley prepare for their fourth round cut the at for their fourth round cup tie at Exeter on February 28.

Hawick in practical mood

By Iain Mackenzie
The Scottlsh club championship resumes tomorrow after the traditional mid-winter break. The most important games are in the Borders where the first and second division titles should be won and lost; although the outsiders might disagree.

might disagree.
In television terms, the "match
of the day" will be at Mansfield
Park, Hawick, home of Scotland's
most successful club over the wears. Hawick are taking unkindly to the current supremacy of their rivals, Gala, and with Deaus, Renwick and Tomes free from national commitments, anticipate a full house and a full receive of points from their meet. measure of points from their meeting with the champions.

Gala also hope to put their best XV into action and if they do there will be an interesting side issue. The Scottish selectors left one of the replacement positions vacant for the game with England at Twickenham next week and the two contenders are from

Gala.

Dickson, who played against France but was dropped to the bench thereafter, has been omitted from the named replacements. It may well be that, if his colleague in the second row, Tom Smith does well against Tomes in the second of the second second row. smith does wen against formers in tomorrow's game, Dickson will be discarded entirely and Smith installed. Should this happen it will be hard on Dickson, one of Scotland's most hard working flankers. He has already had to make room for another club college. league, Leslie, in the Scottish

On paper and taking individual strength into consideration. Gala will beat Hawick and take a big step towards becoming the first side, Hawick apart, to retain the Scottish championship since Heriot's FP did it in 1928. Paper is one thing, fact another. In this case the fact is that Gala have often threatened to do all kinds case the fact is that Gala have often threatened to do all kinds of nasty things to Hawick and failed at the last moment. The same thing is likely to happen tomorrow.

In the second division, Jedforest's chances of reaching the top division for the first time (they are the only Border club never to have played in that company) depend on the result of thei home match against Selkirk. Thei Border neighbours lead the second division and should they win at Riverside, they and their closest challengers, Jordanhill, will be sure to go up.

Smith to manage

Ken Smith, a 49-year-old Border farmer and a former British Lions rugby forward, has been appointed manager of the Scotland party who manager of the Scotland party who will play eight games, including two internationals, in New Zealand between May 27 and June 20. Mr Smith (Kelso) played 18 dimes for Scotland between 1957 and 1961 and took part in four internationals during the 1959 Lions tour to Australia and New Zealand. Jim Tolfer (Melcose), the present Jim Telfer (Melrose), the present national coach, has been appointed assistant manager and coach

Table tennis

Potton sets out to convince the selectors Hilton, but even that is not cer-

By a Special Correspondent
With England's two star By a Special Correspondent
With England's two stars
Desmond Douglas and John Hitton
bastening back from Sweden and
then cruising comfortably through
to the last eight of the Norwich
Union English closed championships at Gillingham yesterday, the
focus switches to three players
lower in the rankings fighting for
the remaining two places in the
world championship squad for
Novisad in April.
Graham Sandley, seeded five,
was beaten 18—21, 21—17, 14—
21, 21—18, 21—12, by the
determined England coach, Donald
Parker, not so long ago at no 4

Parker, not so long ago at no 4 in the list himself. Douggle Johnson, seeded seven but the new England no 4, came through for a quarter-final encounter with Hilton, while the controversial Bob Potton, seeded three, now plays Parker. Parker.
Potton, who beat another former England International. Jimmy Walker, 21—17, 21—14, 21—15, believes he has to reach the final to convince the selectors that his talent, which has bever bee hin doubt, is worth putting in the squad for. Yugoshvia.

If Potton does not make the squad this time—and he missed both the last world and European teams—he says he would seriously consider giving up any prospect of a future with England. His anxiety to do well already shows in his play and there is no doubt that the next two days are crucial for the career of the aggressive, hard-looping England international.

If he beats Parker he may play Parker.

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Hilton, our even that is not cer-tain because the celebrated Eng-land No 2 has been so disappoint-ing recently that he has bad 18 losses in the last four weeks. Porton beat Hilton immediately after he had won his European title, but he could just as easily find bimself playing against an-other combination but allower in other combination but player in Johnson, a tenacious retriever. There was a repeat of the 1973 final when Paul Day, seeded sixth, RESLTS: Mon's singles; First round:

15—21, 22—20, 21—13; K: Satchell 25, at Anfield. They are, Douglas heat R, Namdlou, 21—13, beat P D'Arcy, 21—1, 15—21, six full internationals, Beck, 21—7, 21—12, 21—2; A. Wellimen 21—17, 8—21, 25—21, McGee, Donovan,



once again bear the Clevelander Nicky Jarvis, once an England regular but now slipped to 11 in the list. The score was 21—9, 11—21, 21—13, 21—15, and now 11—21, 21—13, 21—15, and now Day, recently moved up to three in the rankings, meets the third seed Max Crimmins, with the winner likely to play the holder. Desmond Douglas, what also reacked the last eight. Douglas is attempting his third successive title and his fourth in all



21-15, 21-19, 21-18.

Eckersley best Fleicher, 21-15, 10-24-18.

10-24-21-17; Horeham best Souter, 21-13, 21-17; Horeham best Souter, 21-21, 21-17; Horeham best Souter, 21-21, 21-17; Horeham best Souter, 21-21, 2

FA increase Palace's plight by banning trio Crystal Palace's slide towards

Dario Gradi, Palace's new manager refused to comment after the hearing, but he said before accompanying his players in to the meeting: "I can tell you now what I will have to say. We had a very fair hearing and I am disappointed to lose any players at this stage of the season. I will not say anything more becaust I do not want to find myself back at the FA next week facing a charge of bringing the game into disrepute."

After the meeting Gradi strode away from the FA headquarters, refusing to let his players comment on the decisions which will make his task of avoiding relegamake his task of avoiding relega-tion almost impossible.

Canoon, a Scot, bas been an ever-present throughout Palace's troubles this season until the notomatic one-match suspension which followed his dismissal for spitting at an opponent in the 2-0 defeat at Middlesbrough. That offence, in Mr Gradi's first match as mauager, took him straight past the 30-point mark and caused him to

miss last weekend's defeat at Ipswich, along with Tony Sealy, also sent off at Middlesbrough. Lovell, a Welsh teenager, was establishing himself as a regular before his tiwo-maich ban. Glibert has played in all but one of Palace's games.

All three will be sorely missed, especially as Mr Gradi has injury doubts about his goalkeepers Paul Barron and Terry Gennoc, the former England midfield player Gerry Francis, and the transfer seeking Vince Hilaire.

Brighton, another club threatened by relegation, were also hit when their captain, Brian Horton, was suspended for three games for reaching 20 points. The stiff ban which is normal at this stage in the season rules him out of

in the season rules him out of next Tuesday's match against Southampton, another home game against Liverpool and the trip to fellow strugglers Norwich.

Horton, 31, has only missed a handful of games since joining Brighton from Port Vale at a bargaln £35,000 in 1976 and is a key figure in Brighton's midfield.

The Brighton manager Alan Mullery said: "I am disappointed for Brian, I expected the disciplinary commission to be more lentent with him, This adds to our problems, but we will keep battling away."

Horton commented: "This is the last thing I wanted. I am very, very disappointed. The suspension has happened at the wrong time for as."

Neil McNab, another Brighton midfield player also faces an FA

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Plea for Brady's presence falls on deaf Italian ears

Republic of Ireland officials are keen to secure Liam Brady's release for a World Cup "warm-up" game against Wales. Brady was included yesterday in a squad of 19 for the match in Dublin on February 24, but so far Ireland's approach to his Italian club, Juventus, has met with silence. The manager, Eoln Hand, said: "I've sent three telex messages to Liam, but so far I have received no reply. I am hoping he will be able to play, but until I get a reply the position is unclear." Ireland's other overseas player, Walsh, has been cleared to play by his Portuguese club, Porto. But Brady's former colleagues, O'Leary and Stapleton, are ruled out by club commitments—Arsenal play Manchester City at Highbury the same night—and the Brighton trio, Lawrenson, Ryan and Robinson, may also have to withdraw.

Brighton's home game against Southampton, postponed from Saturday because of the FA Cup. bas been rearranged for next week. But if Southampton and Everton draw their fifth round tie, Lawrenson, Ryan and Robinson will face Southampton and Everton draw their fifth round tie, Lawrenson, Ryan and Robinson will face Southampton and Everton draw their fifth round tie, Lawrenson, Ryan and Robinson will face Southampton on February 24, instead of the Welsh. There is also a doubt about the full back. Chris Hughton, kept out of the Tottenham side since Boxing Day by an ankle injury. The goalkeeper Jim McDonagh, and winger, O'Keefe, both of Everton, are included for the first time on the strength of parental qualification. But another Everton player, McMahon, has resisted the temptation of an Irish cap, McMahon hopes to play for England.

Two Liverpool players, Whelan and Sheedy, are named in the bave all agreed to step down for the occasion.

The performance of the Bolton reure back, McElhinney, against Francis in the FA Cup games against Nottlogham Forest has won him a place in the Northern Ireland squad. McElhinney, who joined Bolton from Distillery six months ago, has been called up for a training session on February 23-24 which includes a match against Birmingham City at St Andrews. It is part of the build-up for the World Cup qualifying game against Scolland at Hampden Park on March 25. The team manager, Billy Bingham, said yesterday: "He has slotted perfectly into English league football."

The Southend United striker.

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Spence, and Manchester United reserve midfielder, Sloan, are recalled while the Irish also welcome back the Arsenal goal-keeper, Jennings, who has not played for his country because of injuries and club commitments since last March. since last March.

REPUBLIC OF IRBLAND PARTY (Wales): G. Poylon & Falkam). J. McDonagh (Everion: D. Langam & Birthingham: G. Hughbon Toltenham: K. Moren (Manchester United: M. Layream & Brighton). (C. Dalv (Coventy). A. Grtallah (Laica). L. Brady. (Jrventus). M. Robinson (Brighton). M. Walsh (Porto). S. Reighwes: Liverpool: A. Grimes (Manchester United). I. Nolan (Liperotti, D. Giveas (Brimingham). G. Ryan (Brighton). E. D'Koefe (Everton). J. Murchy (Crystal Pateo). B. O'Callagham (Stoke).

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND UNDER-21
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Two Liverpool players, Whelan
and Sheedy, are named in the
Republic's under-21 squad for the game with England on February 25, at Anfield. They are joined by six full internationals, Devine. (Asion Villa) T. Buckey (Shamrock)

NORTHERN 1821AND TRAINING
SOUAD: G. Armstrong (Waiford), R.
Binckledge (Cientogra), N. Brotherston (Blackbarn), T. Cassidy (Bornley), T. Gockrans (Middlesbrough), T. Gockrans (Middlesbrough), J. Gockrans (Middlesbrough), J. J. Gockrans (Middlesbrough), J. Hanning, J. J. McClettand (Luthing), P. Jeanings (Arsmall), J. McClettand (Middlesbrough), J. Michall (Soulhampilen), J. Michall (Manchester United), J. Nichall (Manchester United), J. Nichall (Loccater), M. O'Neill (Nothingham Forus), J. Platt (Middlesbrough), T. Stonn (Manchester United), D. Spence (Sauthand), McGee, Donovan, Anderson, Chandler and Waddock.
The Orient utility player, Henry Hughton—brother of the Tottenham full back—is also named, Much interest will centre on the Bohemians defender. Jack McDonagh, aged 18. He has been watched by several clubs and Manchester United and Tottenham could be chasing his signature. The three over-age players,

Alkmaar have seven in Dutch squad

and the Gold Cup tournament in Uruguay. A successor is expected to be announced next week.

SQUAD: P. Arniz H. Hovenkamp. R. Spelbos, J. Metgod, J. Peterz, P. Tol. J. Jonker (all AZ's7 Alkmear). P. Doesburs. M. Valke. W. van de Korkhof. L. Brandts 198V Eindhovent. J. Hiele. P. Vermeulen. B. Wilnstekers [Feyencord]. D. Namings Hoods JG. Kerkhoft. L. Lecksperk. H. Van Herlo Kerkhoft. L. Lecksperk. H. Van Herlo Willem H. Tiburgi. R. Zondervan [Twente Enschede: F. Thissen (Ipswick Town). J. Dusaba (Anderleck). —Reuist. Zeist (Netherlands), Feb 12.— Seven players from the current Dutch league leaders, AZ-67 Alkmaar, are included in a 22-man squad today for The Nether-lands' World Cup Group Two qualifying match against Cyprus in Groningen on February 2Z. Third round; Donglas best Eckerslev.

21—8, 21—11, 21—9; Jackson best Francis. 21—16, 21—16, 21—16; cism of his team's performances in World Cap qualifying matches

Hoddle in danger of missing cup tie

Glenn Hoddle is doubtful for Tottenham Hotspur's FA Cup fiftround match against Coventry City tomorrow after taking a kick of the calf in training yesterday Hoddle went home on crutches any has been told to rest. "It's a bit coven and I will not the call." sore and I will not know whethe Hoddle will be fit until Saturday" Hoddle will be fit until Saturday "
Tottenham's manager Kelt
Burkinshaw said. "It's ver
worrying and we can only hop
the injury responds to a combnation of treatment and rest"
Better news for Mr Burkinshais that Hughton, Tottenham's fu
back, is fit for his first game of
the year.
Hughton, chosen vesterday by

Hughton, chosen yesterday he the Republic of Ireland for the match against Wales, turned a ankle on Boxing Day. His return will help to compensate for the possible loss of Hoddle who have the compensate for the possible loss of Hoddle who have the compensations for the City. son-against Stoke City. son—against Stoke City.
Coventry, who lost to West Ha
United in the League Cup serfinal round on Tuesday, expect
give the same players a chance.
Spurs. Their manager Gord,
Milae insisted: "The West Ha
game was the worst we ha
played in our 12 cup games the
season and to have a second to
in a week is a bonus."

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Manchester City, who we also stopped one match short Wembley, similarly plan to pow back, at Peterborough. Ranso, who limped off at Liverpool, out, but. Hutchison, Gow. a McDonald return. Peterborough only doubt is their midfic player. Hodgson, recovering from a badly gashed sukle.

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Ipswich Town, the care continued defender Mills against Charle Athletic, of the third divisit But Burley, the club's other to back, is still sidelined with kr ligament trouble. Mills is like to replace Beattie with Ost returning to centre half counter Hales.

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Maradona read to move in \$9m deal

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Mr Consoll said one of t details still under discussion which four players on a list 11 will be taken from Bocs I lors as part of the transfer he said that next Wednesday two teams will play a fries match at a neutral pitch in wi Maradona will play the first per for Argantinos Juniors and second period for Boca Juniors second period for Boca Jims Boca Juniors released a statem saying there was an "almost tagreement" on the transfer the 20-year-old Maradona. No to neighbours: Bristol Ro have turned down a £250,000 from their neighbours, Bri City, for Gary Mabbutt, aged last season's England youth tam. The deal would have luva £100,000 in cash plus defenders, Merrick and Mann. Rovers player-manager, T Cooper, said, "Gary is only terested in moving to an division club".

Osborne, the Ipswich Town if field player who scored the uning goat in the 1978 FA final, has signed for the third cooper. Boca Juniors released a statem

Today's fixture County v Wimbledon (7.50)

American ice dance champions are going to have a ball at the world championships

Mentor who can turn memories into medals

It appears from the report of their trainer that the American ice dance champions, Judy Blumberg and Michael Seibert, are likely to offer a stronger challenge for the world title at Hartford, Connecticut next month than had at first seemed likely. This is daunting news for Jayne than had at first seemed likely. This is daunting news for Jayrie Torvill and Christopher Dean, who will hope to add that garland to the European title they won in Junsbruck last week.

The woman guiding the American effort, Doreen MacSalka, is not exactly unknown over here. As Doreen Denny she won the world championship for Britain with Courtney Jones in 1959 and 1960. She returned my telephone call a day or two ago at 11 am here, 4 am at her home in Colorado Springs after what she called an Springs after what she called an early night. Ordinarily, she would be working from 11 pm to 6 am, be working from 11 pm to 6 am, which purs into perspective the complaint made in this country of skaters having to lead a nocturnal life to perfect their art.

Mrs MacSalka was "really thrilled by the British victory in Innsburck, not not in the least surprised." Jayne and Chris " she said, "have a lot to offer. They are srong in the compulsories and do a good free dance. I am pleased that the Russian stranglehold in Europe has been broken. I realize

Europe has been broken. I realize that the Hungarians beat them to the world title last year, but they have since retired. Now along comes a British couple to win the European. It's very exciting ". The Russian style was " much of



The Russian style was "much of a muchness".

She was not willing to tempt providence with extravagent claims on behalf of her couple. "They'll be there," was as far as she would go, but her bubbling enthusiasm harnessed to the memory of their performance in the world championships at Dortmund last year inspires the belief that Miss Blumberg and ber partner could well be challengers for the gold medal

The organizing committee have been enterprising enough to round off the week with the ice dance,

them ". This had apparently happened during the United States championships held at San Diego recently in unusual circumstances. One of Seibert's bootstraps had come undone halfway through their programme and he and Miss Blumberg were offered a choice of starting from where they left off or from the beginning. Mrs MacSalka decreed that they would have to start again, otherwise the effect of their performance would be ruined. "They gave me a hard look " she said, " then they went out and brought the house down ". Their marks ranged from 5.7 to 5.9. The three of them have come a long way together in a short a-long way together in a short time. Ice dancers as a rule take several years to mature. Yet it was only on October 11, 1979 (she could not recall why the date stuck so clearly in her mind even at 4 in the morning) that they started what has become a highly successful relationship. In only their second season they surpassed their national champions in both the Curreius and the mind.

passed their national champions in both the Olympics and the world championships at Dortmund.

Since finishing sixth at Dortmund, they have seen the Hungarian winners turn professional, the second placed Russians (Natalia Linichuk and Gennadi Karponosov) dropped from the national team, and the fifth placed Canadian couple disappear because, according to one Canadian official, they knew the Americans would have the beating of them. That left only two couples above them, Irina Moiseyeva and Andrei Minenkov, of the Soviet Unlon, third then but recently beaten in Europe by Miss Torvill and Dean, and of course the British couple, fourth in Dortmund and now first in Europe.

in Europe.

Some believe, curiously enough, that the disappearance of Miss Linichuk and her partner might create a four-way tussie, involving also their compatriots, Natalia Bestemianova and Andrei Bukin.

John Hennessy

Athletics

Hooper gets chance to vay against the world's best

Brian Hooper, having established himself as Britain's outstanding pole vaulter of all time, could consistent performances.

Mr Shaw Is not expecting much from the team. We using the European championships at Grenoble. plouships at Grenoble.

Unbeaten in major events this winter, he travels to France as one of a 16-strong British team. The 27-year-old from Woking, who improved his outdoor best by 74 inches last year and came eleventh in the Olympic final, said: "Being realistic it will be tough to get among the medals because I will be tackling three good Russians, the French, Poles and West Germans."

Hooper, who raised the British Indoor record to 5.41 metres

Indoor record to 5.41 metres against East Germany on Wednes-day night, adds however: "I have beaten the French and Germans and am sure I can go over 18 feet indoors this season—and what better time to do it than at the Europeans?"

He is likely to meet the joint world indoor record-holders Konstantin Volkov (Soviet Union) and Thierry Vigneron (France), both of whom have cleared 5.70 metres. David Shaw, the secretary of the British amateur athletic board, admits many of the team are going to gain experience, but has high hopes for Hooper. "Brian is on the verge of great

things in the pole vault and these championships may be the time when he will emerge," said Mr Shaw.

Snaw.
Verona Elder, who has won three European indoor 400-metre dues, and Wendy Hoyte, unbeaten have over 60 metres this season, have tough assignments after being decisively defeated by East Germans. Selwyn Clarke (50 metres) Mike Whittingham (800

Mr Shaw Is not expecting much from the team, "We using the European champion using the European champion as a guide to greater things would not be too disappoint we come back with no medal Sebastian Coe, who broke world indoor 800 metres in against East Germany, will a competing in Grenoble. The year-old Loughborough study who had only run once in previously this season, said am not going to Grenoble be it does not fit in with my to studies.

The Olympic 1,500

Golden marathon: The mational Amateur Athletic Per tion (IAAF) is to stage 2 G Marathon as part of its sering golden races for 1982. It with the 42-kilometre traditional is the IAAF's 1981 Golden for the IAAF's

are: June 7, Golden 5 000 metred, head June 19 Golden 10,000 n Prague, August 21: Golden 100-200 metre spring; 1 Acquist 28: Golden Mile, Brusse London Marathon: Organia the London Marathon, which be run through the streets C capital on March 29, estimate 1,500 of the 6,600 British at will cover the 26 miles 385 course to less than three 1

Mathebula defence Johannesburg, Feb 12.—The WBA flyweight champion, Peter Mathebula, of South Africa will defend his title against Japan's Shigeo Nakajima on March 28, in Soweto Mathebula will earn about 5120,000, Nakajima \$10,000.—

Hadlee returns Richard Hadlee, New Ze Test player, will return to for Nortinghamshire. He sa was leaving English cricket i end of last scason, becau-the strains of playing throu-the year, but has had a di-of heart.

A time for Charlton to discover if they have the means to upstage the past

Team to stir The Valley's echoes

A personal solding image of Charlton. Athletic overs nothing to the high points of their football career just before and after the war. It concerns the colossal terrace that mrited a South London valley into The Valley, a place of, youthful awe before it became too big for diminishing crowds.

Now there are reassuring plans to bring up to date this old stately home of Bartram, Hewie, Leary Welsh, the Gliksten family whose support goes back 50 years, and Jimmy Seed the inspiration hebind a crossing of the abyst between third and first divisions to record time between 1934 and 1932

1936.

The place will not be the same but infinitely better, for the memory is full of romantic glossy pictures. A visit to The Valley in bumper days of the lifties was fodder for today's reminiscences, which are as idyllic as memories of long summer bicycle rides that sometimes must have been upbill and against the bicycle rides that sometimes must have been uphill and against the wind. A companion on excursions to first division games there would often recall that after the final whistle his feet "never touched the ground", until beyond the crush at the gates.

Visits to The Valley in recent years have been dulled by ton many comparisons, but it is pleasing to see them returning on

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the road out of the third division and carning a place in the last sixteen in the FA Cup. Tomorrow they face the daunting challenge of a fifth round tie at Ipswich from where this season no visitor has come away with anything more than a pleasant memory of how the game ought to be played and people should be treated.

people should be treated.

Of course, Charlton have no chance on the evidence of Ipswich's unbeaten home form, the guile of the Dutchmen, the guile of the Dutchmen, the athletic power of the England centre forward, Mariner, Brazil's fiery attacking aggression and two stout central defenders, Osman and Butcher, who are seen by some as Ron Greenwood's successors to Thompson and Watson. So who in particular does Mike Bailey, the Charlton manager and former player, fear? "All of them." he confesses, basing his honest apprehension on a sighting of Ipswich's 3—0 defeat of Shrewsbury in a replay last month.

Hopes that Charlton would at least put up a presentable struggle were not improved by last Saturday's 4-0 defeat at Chester, which enabled Rotherbam to move into the lead on goal difference. Even so it has to be remembered that Charlton were relegated from the second division only last season after finishing with just

Perhaps, in the knowledge that the side who went from Third to First Division in the thirties was hardly altered, Mr Balley has made no dramatic changes this season. Walsh, only 18, has been the source of some fresh inspiration, joining or competing for a place with the more experienced Hales in an attack that has kept attention away from a less reliable. Males in an attack that has kept attention away from a less reliable defence. Encouraging "good habits" Mr Bailey insists is the real change he has made, and though it sounds simplistic, the art of finding each other when moving from defence to attack was not always obvious to the players last season.

Charlton's hope is that they can Chariton's hope is that they can counter-artack so quickly that Hales or Robinson will be put in possession before the Ipswich defence can recover. Others have had similar ideas, including the league leaders' nearest rivals, Aston Villa, and Mr Bailey knows that the best he can wish for is a repeat of Ipswich's unusually lax performance in the fourth round at Shrewsbury. The combination of a lapse by one and a monumental effort by the other is the stuff of Cup surprises, and the means by which Charlton's present can upstage their past.



Hales: uses experience suspect Charlton defence.

Once more Exeter turn to Kellow for another upset at a distant St James' Park

High-scoring forward from the backwoods

It seemed to be almost tempting time Exeter's defence had the to say to Tony Kellow before xetter's third division match at four more goals to the one they ortsmouth the other night: scored in the first half. If New-Whatever you do, don't get castle are to go the same way as intered or sent off." As the chosen Leleester did ultimately in the thirty of this interview, it could the Exeter wasness. fate to say to Tony Kellow before Exeter's third division match at Portsmouth the other uight: "Whatever you do, don't get lajured or sent off." As the chosen ubject of this interview it would subject of this interview it would have been awkward of the league's leading scorer to have gone and spoiled it by allowing circumstances to prevent him appearing in the FA. Cup fifth round the at Newcastle he had been asked, among other topics, to discuss.

So it was with considerable anxiety that a couple of journal. spoiled it by allowing circumstances to prevent him appearing to brish stances to prevent him appearing to be morale of his stances to prevent him appearing to be morale of his stances to prevent him appearing to be morale of his obviously apprehensive players. It was more of discuss. So it was with considerable anxiety that a couple of journalists, not to mention the entire populace of Exeter, awaited the reaction to the lojury that had forced him to hobble out of the match at fratton Park before it was as hour old. Happily it was diagnosed as a hamstring strain and nor a tear that would have definitely kept him out of the most advanced match Exeter have looked to Kellow the footnot him to Blackpool for a club record fee of £120,000 in November. 1968, that both the player and his old club found themselves meaning the move. Kellow had gone largely because he thought that from Blackpool he could switch to one of the first division clubs he hankers after.

Without their scorer of 25 goals to date this season, Exeter have looked to Kellow had gone largely because he thought that from Blackpool he could switch to one of the first division clubs he hankers after.

"I thought their fortunes, it was after Mr Godfrey's predecessor Bob Saxton, had sold him to Blackpool for a club record fee of £120,000 in November. 1968, that both the player and his old club found themselves that from Blackpool he could switch to one of the first division clubs he hankers after.

"I thought their fortunes, it was division clubs he hankers after.

"I thought the found themselves who hearly had his wish granted by Derby County before they turned to Alan Biley on refused. Under Bob Stokoe, kellow's career at Blackpool continued to flourish, but it was directly the feet that things nurned sour for him.

last round, the Exeter manager, Brian Godfrey will have to complete the most persuasive chore, restoring the morale of his obviously apprehensive players.

"Alan Ball made a quick assessment and his decision to let me go was probably the best one for me and the cinb. I found myself going back to Exeter (for £55,000 16 months later) because they couldn't get any recognized strikers to come down to the West Country and play for them. It's in the backwoods as far as football goes.

"The fact is von'te cat.

I'd settle for that to a degree."

His itch to better himself stems from the fact that for a player of 28 be has not had that much league football. Until four years ago he had earned his corn as a dockyard electrician in Falmouth, playing for the town's Western League team before he found himself marked by John Newman, then Exeter's manager in a match against their reserves. Mr Newman needed no further convincing.

For such a prolific scorer, Kel-

low hardly looks the part. A slight figure, slightly thinning on top and with a quiet Cornish brogue, he was the last player you expected to emerge on request from the hotel reception. On the pitch, however, he makes his presence feit with so much enthusiastic running that he sometimes has to be restrained for fear of not being at his freshest to convert the chances.

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convert the chances.

Were it not for the fact that Kellow rarely worries about his own form he might be concerned that he has not scored in the four games since his three goals sank Leicester in the replay. He missed the chance to get one by fluffing a penalty at Burnley last Saturday. They are still looking for the ball ", he joked. He is banking on his knack returning at Newcastle, whose ground like banking on his knack returning at Newcastle, whose ground like Exeter's is known as St James Park. That much at least might give Exeter the comfort of feeling they are going from home to home, affect a modest one to e rather more expansive one. "The most important thing is that we play well enough to make sme the day doesn't pass us by", he said. "If we ireeze we'll get alsughtered."

Nicholas Harling

Golf

Only Player inr masters south-easter

From Eric Marsden Johannesburg, Feb 12

Johannesburg, Feb 12
The notorious Cape south-easter proved, a great leveller in the second round of the South African Masters at Milterton today, prevening any of the golfers from equalling par. The best rounds of the day were of 73 by Terrius Classens, the new leader, and young Wayne player, amateur son of Gary (his father could only manage a 79).

Classens had a 68 yesterday and so is three under on 141. Mark

Edwards hopes to reap an American benefit Barry Edwards, executive direc-

tor of the Women's Professional Golfers' Association, expects to reap several benefits from his recent trip to the United States.

log Nancy Lopez-Meitor playing two tournaments in Europe next year.

One would take place in France and the other in Britain. Mr Edwards expects no difficulty finding a sponsor prepared to put up \$50,000 in prize money for the British event: "I owe it to the sponsors who have supported our tour to give them the first chance "he said.

The European tournaments are likely to take place in September-October, avoiding clashes with the European men's tour. They would follow the pattern of the Coigate European ladies tournament, so successfully held at Sunningdale for several years, except that this time 25 to 30 European professionals would also take part. As a result of his trip Mr Edwards expects a number of Australians, Canadians and Americans to play on the European circuit this year.

"Debbie Massey told me she will defend the British women's Open at Northumberland in July and is trying to persuade some of the other top Americans to come over for that event as well ", he said. Mr Volpe is considering seriously a suggestion that the winner of the Order of Merit in Europe should be given exemption the following year to play three or four tournaments on the American circuit.

Rifle shooting

Robinson in Nordic event

Latest European snow reports

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**Respondent are pistol of champion, Geoffrey Robinson, includes the well-known husband and wife champions, Malcolm and Sarah Cooper, from Hayling Island, and the former British and world small bore champion. Allstair Allan, of Abingdon. The pistol events will be completed tomorrow, and the rifle finals on Sunday.

which opened in Cardiff, yester-

Piste piste resort — Good Powder Fair Fine

Whichello sets himself another target By Lewine Mair

Having won both of Saab's first two 14 and under invitation tournaments this winter, Richard Whichello of Middlesex will, over

Between the dictation and publication of yesterday's Davis Cup article a fact was somehow stood on its head. Britain, rather than Czechoslovakia, won both their recent King's Cup ries.

Bern, Switzerland, Feb 12.—The draw for the semi-final rounds of the three European football cup competitions will be held in Zurich on March 20.—AFP.

Rugby League

Rovers' antidote to injury costs £30,000

By Keith Macklin By Kerth Macking
The reason behind the late
swoop into the pre-Cup transfer
market by Hull Kingston Rovers
could be revealed when Rovers
sonounce their team to entertain
Barrow in tomorrow's first round
game in the Three Fives Chal-

Swinton, who entertain Feather-stone Rovers, will be without their loose forward Tony Peters and Wakefield Trimity, who visit Fulham, have to find a replace-ment for front row forward Colin-Forsyth.

Housewife defeats men

Norma Shaw the 41-year-old Stockton housewife last night reached the final stages of the 59,500 John Player Classic tournament at Darlington. But the Crown Green champion, Noel Burrows of Manchester went out. Mrs Shaw, the British Isles women's indoor champion, finished second in her group against all male opponents and now meets the world champion David Bryant in her semi-final round. Today's other semi-final will be

contested by Derek Bell, the England indoor champion and his club colleague Mal Hughes from Hardepool. Burrows missed his chance of winning the top prize of £3,000, the highest in the history of the game, when he went down by 15-6 to Bell in the decisive match.

For the record

F Good skiing on piste in the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of creat Britain; L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The ollowing reports have been received from other scurces. | Depth State | Color | Color

Tennis

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Billiards MARGATE: 1281 Super Crystalate UK championship: Semi-final round: J. Karpehr: (Poliers Green: beat J. Bartic: Wisterch 1.335-1,074.

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(2mm); 6, A. Alyabory (USSR),
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Drumburn represents the only serious threat to Broadsword

By Michael Seely
Newbory's Schweppes Gold
Trophy meeting opens with a fanfare of trumpens this afternoon.
What more exciting overture to
tomorrow's great drama could be
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tomorrow to the farmer of
the 1973 Cheltenham Gold Cup,
in the Cricklade Handicap Hurtile.
Broadcaped has come from in the Crickiade Handicap Hurile.

Broadsword has gone from strength to strength since David Nicholson bought this useful stayer from John Dunlop. Broadsword has made his mark as a hurdler, having won five of his six races under winter rules. The four year old's only defeat occurred at the hands of Lir at occurred. Nicholson biames himself for that defeat as he did not instruct Peter Scudamore to make enough use of the horse. At Sandown recently Broadsword gave a magnificent display of quick and accurate hurdling before handing out a handsome beating to several older horses.

Although Hill's Northern

Although Hill's Northern quickened in fine style when win-ming at Leicester the opposition was moderate. The only serious Hill's

ning at Leicester the opposition was moderate. The only serious threat to Broadsword seems to come from Drumburn. Lady Herries's four-year-old was impressive when slamming Blake by eight lengths at Sandown. However, Broadsword's many admirers will be disappointed with anything but a convincing victory.

Midnight Court's 12-length defeat of Freight Forwarder at Cheltenham both surprised and delighted Fred Winner. After this afternoon the trainer intends to run Midnight Court in one steeplechase before Cheltenham. "Time is running out.", Winter said yesterday, "I would like Midnight Court to have one more race over fences before the big day." The Fairlawne Chase at Windsor next Wednesday or the Gerry M Handicap at Lingfield Park the following Satunday are possible targets, However, although Midnight Court is sure to run well today it is hard to see Winter's champion giving so much weight to Les Kennard's easy Windsor winner, Shell Burst.

The afternoon's interest does not end there. However, Winter fares with Midnight Court, the 7th champion trainer could hand a double with Broadless in the

fares with Midnight Court, the 710 champion trainer could land a double with Broadless in the Aldermaston Novices Chase and with Musso in the Haig Whisky Novices Burdle Qualifier.

Winter's neighbour, Fulke Walwyn, runs Dramatist in the Thatcham Handicap. Dramatist ran a storming race when narvowly defeated by Easter Eel's fluent victory at Ascot on Wednesday, this tough old charecter may succeed in giv-Accor on Wednesday, this tough old character may succeed in giving the weight to King Or Country and Duc De Bolebec.

At Sedgefield the recent track winner, Easby Gold, is a confident selection to capture the Horden Handicap Chase and among three likely winners for Michael Dickinson is Cathmaria who runs in the Wolsingham Novices Hurdle. Cathmaria ran wel lenough behind Tough Debats at Worcester in November to

Huntingdon results

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Flagstaff clears the last fence ahead of Royal Stuart and

suggest that the mare may be worthy of support.

As usual there was an exciting stmosphere and good racing at Emutingdon yesterday. The locally born Josh Gifford landed a double by wiming the day's big race, the Sidney Banks Memorial Hurdle with Glamour Show and the Major Charles Townsend Memorial Hunters' Chase with Roadbead. The hurdle race could not have provided a more exciting finish. The 5-4 on favourite, Pauloon, was besten approaching the final flight and Richard Rowe forted Glamour Show past the post, just in front of Tuthill Bond and Lex.

Roadhead burned the Hunter Chase into a procession. Well ridden by the owner's daughter, Margaret Wilson, this quick jumping front runner was clear over the last three fences to win unchallenged. Roadhead's only mistake came when he pecked at the In the other feature race, the Ely Chase, the other feature race of the two runners, Dancing Brig, had too much, finishing speed for Havanus.

Sedgefield inspection Sedgefield stewrds will hold a sengencial stewrits will hold a precautionary inspection at the track this morning to see whether racing can take place. The clerk of the course, Kit Patterson, said yetterday afternoon: "There is a touch of frost in the ground which I think will come out in time to save the meeting."

4.0 (4.0) LOWER STANTON TAN TROED,

Best bet for Gold Cup is 33-1 Border

According to Richard Head, who saddled Lady Martha, by far the easiest of the seven winners at Wincanton yearerday, the best ance-post bet for Chelranham must be Border Incident, who stands at as much as 33-1 for the Gold Cup. Last year, Border Incident started 5-1 third favourite for the race and held as good a chance as anything when unluckily coming down at the 17th. thing when unluckily coming down in the 17th.

Head declares: "He's every bit as good now as he was last year. He's still a very, very good horse make no mistake. I'm very pleased with him and hope he'll win the Gold Cup. He will run at Windson next Wednesday or Wincantor the following week."

Apart from Border Incident's first appearance in public when Richard. Pitman had the mount, the horse has had only two partners—John Prancome and Ron Rarry, and Head hopes that one or other of these two will always be available for him.

Border Incident's stablemate Lady Martin made a mockery of Border 'Incident's stablemate Lady Martina made a mockery of the handkap in the Gillingham Hurdle, Cruising up, the straight in front with Martin O'Halloran not moving a muscle and beating Edith Rose by seven lengths.

The favourite, Bingley Bridge, who looked poor value at 2-1 in this big field, seems to have been collared by the handkapper, was always struggling, and well beaten into seventh place.

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New Sedgefield programme

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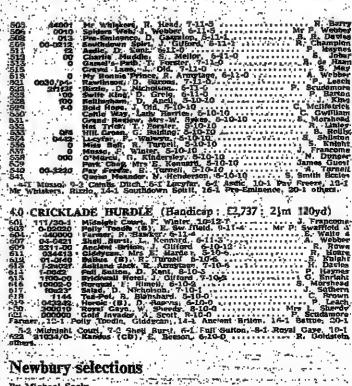
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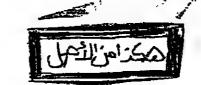
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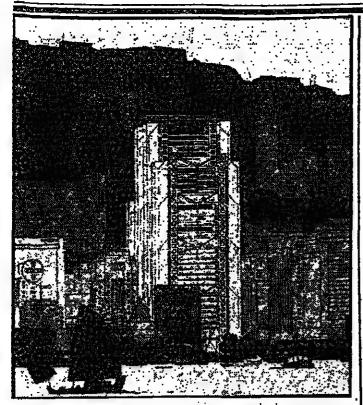
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Humanizing the tower office block

Hongkong and Shanghai Bankiog Corporation, revealed yesterday, will, when complete, be
one of the world's most interesting (and possibly most
expensive) commercial development. As far as the bank
is concerned the interest lies in the fact that their building will have a more efficient use of space than anything comparable.

The architects, Foster Associates, are British and won this gigantic commission in international competition spainst six other architectural firms, and the prime interest is to see what Foster is up to now (in these post-Sainsbury Centre days when everything has pedi-ments in glass-reinforced plastic) and whether he has suc-ceeded in his stated aim to "humanize the tower office

It is clear from the plans and models that the building is a development of the main-stream strand of high-techno-logy. That is to say that all techniques—whether industrial or constructional—are to be used to create the optimum bed to create the opinium building interior, and that the exterior will be the result of that. Being Foster the result will be good—a 41-storey tower of much greater interest and vitality than one normally gets in buildings of that scale.

What we shall not be getting is any truck with the current trend of miscalled post-modernism wherein it is believed that the exterior of a building has an independent existence and should be designed accord-

The building bas three main elements: a structure of Tylons like something out of War of the Worlds; the office and banking accommodation. between them, with horizontal blinds giving a screenlike effect; and the service towers, which include staircases and liftshafts, some of which will be clad in glass.



the whole is an ordered vision. The useable space is at the centre supported by steel pylons, while the lifts and services run up the outside. The building has many similarities with the Pompidou centre in Paris in the way it is organized. But whereas the Pompidou services are covered in whether Hangkong services are covered to what the services are covered to the serv in wood these Hongkong ser-vices are dressed in the height

of architectural chic.

The building will face the main ferry landing in Hong-kong, and thus be at the heart of the main commuter rush. The architects have devized one of the niftiest ways of attracting customers to a bank known to man as elevating the principal banking hall to the first floor, to allow the cummuters to scurry underneath from the ferry uphill to their offices. At the centre of the building is an atrium eight storeys high, glazed at each end. It is thus a very large space, but without the variety space, but without the variety of some of the American atria John Portman's hotel com-

At intervals throughout the building's height there are major double height reception areas. These have double banks areas. These have double banks of escalators and those who are familiar with Foster's development for Willis and Faver in Ipswich will appreciate the concept. What is different here is that in addition to these double height escalated spaces, escalators are provided throughout the building. Instead of lifts being made the sole form of travel, they are instead limited to fast commuter travel—debouching at these er travel—debouching at these

four receptions. Staff and visitors are then expected to complete their journeys on these escalators. There seems to be evidence that this system gives a better security use of floor area and better social environ-

ment. At various stages the build-Ing is stepped back to provide the necessary light angles for neighbouring buildings. Thus what begins as a three-bay building on the ground, has become a one-bay building by

copter pad at the apex.
The development size is more than one million square feet; its cost could reach hundreds of millions of pounds by the time it is fitted out with all necessary machinery. Despite that, the programme is to have the building finished

within four years.
Foster and his team must be congratulated for this splendid competition success, and his determination not sim0ly to put up another block. It should be noted that other be noted that other British architects are also winning overseas competitions; James Stirling in Germany and America; Darbourne and Darke

in Germany and Italy.

What can possibly have gone so badly wrong with this country that our best architectural talent has to go abroad to find competitions to win and buildings to build?

Can the Liberals patch an alliance? One of the curious features of the Liberal

If the opinion polls are to be taken at face value, we may be governed after the next election by a Liberal-social democratic alliance. For such a grouping to come from nowhere even to the top of the opinion polls is unprecedented. It is all the more astonishing as the grouping in question does not yet exist, and there can be no certainty that it will. A social democratic party will be formed before Easter, though will be formed before Easter, though no date has yet been fixed. But will it then be able to form an alliance with

the Liberals?

The social democrats want an electoral agreement and are basing all their calculations on the assumption that there will be one. Logically such an alliance must be in the Liberal interest as well. For all the surges of support they enjoy from time to time, there is no present of the dibarals breaking no prospect of the Liberals breaking through to power on their own. But in partnership with the social democrats all things would become possible. The all things would become possible. The social democrats may tap support which is not available to Liberals. Together they could be a formidable grouping in the next Parliament, and the prospect of a sizable representation of parties between Labour and the Conservatives.—let us not worry for the moment whether they would be in the centre or on the left—would make it more worthwhile to vote Liberal than it has been for many a year.

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Yet such dreams depend on Liberals and social democrats not blocking each other by appealing to the same voters in constituency after constituency. Ideally, they would divide up the country between them so that they did not fight each other anywhere. But the most that they can reasonably hope for is that each side will be given a clear run by the other in its best 50 to 80 seats. On paper the scope for such an agreement is excellent. The Liberals would stand down in seats where the would stand down in seats where the MP in this or the last Parliament had joined the social democrats, and in a number of marginals where Labour ran well ahead of the Liberals last nine.

Party is that it has so many members who are not really interested in power?

But what are the prospects for such an arrangement in practice? One of the curious features of the Liberal Party is that it has so many members who are not really interested in power. Politics is either their form of public service or a rather egreeable activity to be conducted with likeminded people. There are others who are interested in power but only at local level. Liberals in these categories will not easily be induced to back a social democrat in their own constituencies so that the Liberal Party at Westminster will stand a better chance of gaining office.

None the less, opinion within the party has been moved by the thrill of recent polls. Attitudes vary in different parts polls. Arritudes vary in different parts of the country—probably most hostile to a pact in Yorkshire, more favourable in the South, though with London a possible exception. The general trend is now more favourable than it was to Mr. Steel's chances of securing his cherished objective of an electoral agreement. But many a Liberal would display his prickles once again if the social democrats were suddenly to announce that they would coptest a majority of seats at the next election, or if—which is not expected—they were to put up caudidates for the county council elections in May, when the Liberals expect to do rather well. Liberals expect to do rather well. Even if these perils are avoided there

The social democrats would not run is not the slightest chance of a detailed where there is a Liberal MP and in John being agreed at national level to Tory marginals where the Liberal came a good second. Party is too strong for that. Much will depend on personalities and on where the Liberals already have a candidate in the field: at the latest count they in the field: at the latest count they have 234 and the number is increasing all the time. The most that can be expected is for the conditions to be created centrally that will encourage local deals to be done.

This limited objective would still require a somewhat complex courtship. There is no thought of fighting the election on a common manifesto, but Mr Steel enumerated last week five policy priorities which the social democrats

priorities which the social democrats would have to accept. Toese would be incorporated in a declaration of intent that would have to be agreed before the summer recess if it was to be put to the Liberal conference in the autumn.

At this conference Mr Steel will not

but that will depend quite a bit on how much genuine cooperation there has been with the social democrats in the meantime. They are not likely to choke on any of Mr Steel's policy priorities, which most of them seem to believe in as much as he does. But it is hoped that the declaration would also contain a commitment to campaign on each other's platforms in the election. Liberals will also be much influenced by whether the social democrats work together with them in Parliament once they have made the break from Labour

In other words, the Liberals will be looking for evidence of a close working parmership which might bring about the realignment of British politics for which they have been clamouring for nearly 20 years. But they are wary of simply acting as the midwife at the birth of a new Labour party. So they become suspicious every time they hear a social democrat claim to be the true inheritor of the Labour tradition.

This is understandable from the

This is understandable from the Liberal point of view, but it does not take account of the social democratic dilemma. How are they to keep the support of a good many traditional Labour supporters while breaking away from the party? If the social democrats cannot do that they will be politically dead no matter how well they get ou dead, no matter how well they get on with the Liberals. If an alliance is to be formed, therefore, it must rest not only on policy agreement, which should not be too difficult, but also upon trust and tact, which may prove more elusive. At this conference Mr Steel will not put his leadership on the line: he has promised his parliamentary colleagues that he will not do so. He will have to rely on his powers of persuasion to get the declaration approved. But he has been remarkably successful up to now in dragging his party along the course that he has set and he is likely to have the support, or at least acquiescence, of the rest of the parliamentary party.

The chances are that he will once again get the backing of the conference,

That old **Titanic** sinking feeling

New words and new meanings: an occasional series by Philip Howard

What with one thing and another, this may not be the most diplomatic moment to bring up the subject of the Titanic at New Printing House Square.
But I think that there is evidence that our popular modern metaphor about the Titanic as the unsinkable that did the unthinkable has a note below the thinkable has a note below the water-line. I can find no contemporary evidence that the Titanic was regarded as virtually unsinkable until after she had sunk. With hindsight we have created the myth because it makes a more dramatic metaphor. We now potently and powerfully believe that the Titanic was hailed as unsinkable and the subject of much ballyhoo to that effect before her maiden and fatal voyage.

If so, one might ask why the

If so, one might ask why the Olympic did not have similar heartening claims made for her. She was almost identical to the She was almost identical to the Tiranic, and had been in service for 10 months before the Tiranic's maiden voyage. The Times, reporting the launch of the Olympic (October 21, 1910) and her maiden voyage (June 14, 1911) makes much of her size, the problem of launching, the luxury of accommodation, the luxury of accommodation, and the fact that her lower speed (21 knots) allowed her to have smaller engines than the Mauretania and the Lusitania. It is stated as a matter of statistics that she had 15 bulkheads or watertight compartments, but the conclusion is not drawn that this made her unsinkable.

The launch of the Tiranic, at that time the largest ship in the world, was reported in The Times on June 1, 1911. We remarked that she would be hear vier than the Olyappic when fit ted out; but, being lighter at launch, she caused a smaller wave. When the Tinanic sailer from Southampton on April 10 1912, little attention was paid or comment made, other than short pieces about the luxur of the accommodation, the attractiveness of the sports faci lities, and so on: Nobody wa writing about unsinkability There is a typical and, will hindsight, ironic example at the end of the leader in The Mor. It is writing about the nove-arrangement of the promenad-dack: "On the upper deck one can look through the windows. and safely sheltered from contact with the outer air obtain ; full view of the sea, so much appreciated by passengers. Let us be grateful for that provi

Only after the underwate berg that had probably recently dark side: there was no wind o swell to create ripples round if had ripped 300 feet out of the Titanic's starboard side, did the press start to write about invo nerability. The word unside able occurs for the first time in a leader in The Times of the day after the disaster; the make this sort of ship unsimb

After the Titanic had 200 down, the press and the to that she had been built safety flotation standary higher than required by regul tions then or now, with watertight compartments, and so on. There was also much cla so on. There was also much claresentment aroused by report that greater efforts had been made to save the lives of first class passengers. The Day Herold claimed that 61 per ce of first class passengers been rescued, against 36 accent second class and 23 the class.

class.

The pathos and horror or disaster at once turned if Titanic into a dramatic methor for disastrous paradox. metaphor may seem like, we changing deckehairs on t Titanic. But it was only all the Titanic sank that we start to talk of her as virtually v

Refloating a lost piece of Tudor history

The most ambitious and exciting project of its kind in the history of marine archaeology has passed the point of no return this month with the final decision to raise Henry VIII's flagship from the seabed and bring her ashore next

The Mary Rose, built in 1510 and enlarged in 1536, sank during a brush with the French in the Solent in 1545. French in the Solent in 1545. The mud on which she has rested at an angle of 60 degrees ever since has preserved not only most of the hull in unprecedentally good condition but also immense quantities of the personal effects of the 700 sailors and soldiers, nearly all of whom went down with her. went down with her.

The rediscovery of wreck in 1967 has proved to be an archaeological opportunity unique in both quality and quantity. It offers an unparalleled chance to find out about

Trust was formed with the aim of clearing the silt from the wreck, bringing up all manner of relics and then lifting the hull bodily and bringing it ashore by pontoon and ramp to form the centreplece of a museum to be built for the

teers in diving on the wreck to see it for himself.

This month's decision to go ahead with less than half the money raised is a bold one, but the results produced by find competitions to win already enough to justify the on a land site.

Charles McKean

Architectural Correspondent

Tust's staff so far are which you don't normally get already enough to justify the on a land site.

"The remains of cock-while objects to be found that the recovery programme may be slowed down for fear of food tell you a lot about what offices and workshops full of they used to eat in those days.

The Mary Rose is important

and polythene parcels.

The Mary Rose may be a very old ship, but the methods in use to salvage the history she encapsulates are impressively modern. The technique of freeze-drying, for example, used to preserve relics is adapted from the latest instantical cochrolics. Delicate madifood technology. Delicate medical instruments have been used to probe cavities never dreamed of by their inventors; including the bowels of can-

non.
The 23 full-time staff are enthusiasts to a man and woman. The principal fundraiser and financial controller, for instance, threw up a successful (and much better paid) career as a senior executive at Marks and Spencer.

He is Mr Ian Dahl, who at He is Mr ian Dall, who at 36 is coming as close as he ever will to his frustrated youthful ambition of being a naval officer by finding the sinews of war for this unique the way of life in England in the middle of the sixteenth century, including details of diet, clothing, craftsmanship, work, leisure and weapoury.

So in 1978 the Mary Rose in a good career with a very mark at the sime of the sixteenth and short-sighted, he said. "Even after 14 years in a good career with a very mark to the sixteenth and short-sighted," salvage operation. I could not join the Navy because I am good employer, I jumped at the chance to come here and In his six months in the job.

finding American financial support, and his next target is. form the centrepiece of a museum to be built for the purpose.

The President of the Trust is Prince Charles, who will be guest of honour at a reception in London on Tuesday to help raise the balance of the £3m needed to bring the ship ashore and put a roof over it. The prince has taken his responsibilities seriously enough to join the hundreds of volunteers in diving on the wreck to see it for himself.

Support, and his next target is Mrs Margaret Rule and Deborah Europe. Already his horizons The Mary Rose is not so much a time-capsule as a frozen museum consisting of exhibitions all over the Portsmouth area, including not only the still a compared to but many other historic ships across documents, which would be a fantastic find."

The archaeological director is Mrs Margaret Rule, aged 50.

The Mary Rose is not so much a time-capsule as a frozen moment of history. Everything we have brought up so far the wreck; it is entirely possible that we may even come across documents, which would be a fantastic find."

Chests containing clothes in remarkable condition had already been found and there made up to 800 dives on the was no reason why there

she estimates that she has now already been round and there made up to 800 dives on the was no reason why there wreck: as part of her work of should not be more such recepsupervising the recovery of tacles whose contents would inrelies. "Underwater you get a clude papers. One of Mrs complete social cross-section Rule's worries is that there which you don't normally get on a land site.

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Mrs Margaret Rule and Deborah Fulford examine a bronze cannon from the Mary Rose.

The Mary Rose is not so much not merely because of her sunk her by gunfire is natural a time-capsule as a frozen state of preservation but also but dubious.

moment of history. Everything because she represents a Her original displacement watershed in naval strategy was 600 tons, remarkable in comes from the upper levels of She was one of the very first itself for the period, but she we have brought up so far watershed in naval strategycomes from the upper levels of She was one of the very first
the wreck; it is entirely posships built as a warship, and
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firing broadsides. With her lines of cannon below deck she is an early ancestor of the ship of the line and thus of her future near-neighbour, HMS

Victory.

She sank a mile offshore within sight of Henry VIII, probably as the result of a design fault. It is thought likely that her gup-ports were open and that she shipped a fatal quantity of water through them as she heeled over while manoeuvring against the The Mary Rose is important French, whose claim to have

reached 700 tons after conversions. She had a mixed armasions. She had a mixed armament of 91 guns and a normal complement of 415 men, including 185 archers and pikemen. On July 19, 1545, she was the flagship of Vice-Admiral Sir George Carew, commanded by Captain Roger Grenville, and is thought to have had 700 aboard when she went down Many of them will went down. Many of them will have been found by the time she comes up again to make a naval exhibit unique in the world.

Dan van der Vat

MOSCOW DIARY

My office phone rings. "Is plained about some unfairness system is inflexible and venge- will not be told such numbers. Moscow, or the saga of the that the newspaper Times?" a at work, quarrelled with his ful to those who attempt to if you ask telephone enquiries closing of a section of the Bolvoice asks rather guardedly. I boss, created a scandal or tried challenge it.

Or at the public information shot Theatre are less reliable say it is. "I have to talk to you. I have something very im-portant to say. We must meet." I demur and ask what he would like to talk about. "I drop the matter. He has ters, act as an intermediary or cannot tell you now, but it is refused, and has been told he confront the authorities with vital your readers know about will not get another ioh. So he the case this. Where will you meet resolves to emigrate, only to me?"

There seems to be no escape. Okay then, I reply, I will be down on the surezt outside a certain shop at about 12.00. I am tall and will be wearing a

It looks like being yet another wild goose chase. I go down to the street, and there is a young man in leans with a because they are based on a fur hat, padded coat and the fundamental misunderstanding inevitable battered briefcase, of the job of western correstanding looking around. After spondents in Moscow. We are exchanging glances once or not here as campaigners for twice he comes up and asks if any cause, good or bad. Dissi-I am the correspondent he is dents are not per se of inwaiting for, and then as we terest. Not everyone who has walk round the block he starts suffered some injustice needs

with his campaign, and has correspondent can do: he can-been warned by the KGB to not looby embassies to be drop the matter. not consider his application.

In the end he decides to act against people whose seek out a western corresponnames and aims are widely dent and tell him all about it, familiar in the West But pubwith a sheaf of documents to licity is not necessarily prove his point. I know you a protection, especially for people are interested in dissi-people whose misfortunes do dents and can help them", is the usual line.

I find these cases disturbing his story.

Thus begin dozens of sad accounts of personal tragedy, injustice and bureaucratic bloody-mindedness. The person in question has typically com
Silitered some injustice needs the number: no telephone book has been published in motes that we have found his book has been published in motes that we have found his initially plausible and interest. Moscow's offices and business of the Tolstoy Vegetarian asked: "You phoned me?" He gave a look of horror and quickly or foreigners' numbers. You

He can, of course, write about it, and the authorities in

recent years have hesitated to or illustrate questions of principle.

Soviet citizens who call up western correspondents are either very brave or very either very brave or naive. Almost every Russian is convinced, with good reason, that the phones are tapped. It is a mystery where they get the number: no telephone book has been published in

not been published abroad ing the course of his duties. Now and then he wants to Every so often we had to make know whether you could find him a publisher, but his usual complaints are about his neigh-phones were installed in the bours, his flat, his unanswered outside walls. petitions to Brezhnev and the central committee, his illnesses not represent any principle and so on. You can lay the Police guard the entrance way arousing concern in the West receiver down, make yourself a to every block where foreigners cup of coffee, and return to find him still talking. One colleague punched an entire story on the telex without the old

man drawing breath.

Another man, a former architect and restorer, has phoned virtually every correspondent in Moscow, and it is only after we have compared notes that we have found his initially plausible and interest.

But meeting unknown people has its problems. One man told me he was short, wearing jeans and a cap an dearrying a case. I went down to the appointed trysting place, to see his figure

kiosks.

There is one old man who phones me regularly—usually at eight on a Sunday morning, bless him—to talk about his troubles. He was once a tory, and he told me about all children's writer, and is much the people he had been concerned that his stories have required to make love to durrence here multiched abroad ing the course of his duries. a detour to avoid a large build-ing where he believed micro-You invariably have to meet those who phone on the street.

live, and any Soviet citizen who wanders in without an official invitation will be stopped and asked his business.

backed away. I went out of the "What am I to do", he shop, and there was another asked in despair, "kill my short man wearing jeans and a parents?" He came all the cap and carrying a case.
One colleague who promised

to pass on a copy of some newspaper article agreed to stay there until allowed out. It meet a man in a brown coat took a lot of talking to percarrying a newspaper in 15 minutes. He went down and gave the article to the grateful caller. Some months later he was introduced to a man who said he was the one who had called, and he had waited for a long time in vain for the jour-nalist. Somebody else, it appeared, had overheard the arrangement and had been quicker off the mark

cranks. Some have genuinely sad stories to tell-the translabe given a job again as long as his parents were alive. He was given an exit visa to Romania, where he had relations, but the Romanians would not accept him. He then applied to go to a west European country, but this time the Soviet authorities

way to Moscow to seek help, and threatened to storm into

to a Western news agency last newspaper." The man color, year, and one insisted that his not see a distinction: "It Not all those who call up are year, and one insisted that his tor and broadcaster from Moldard, for example, who was sacked when his parents became Jehovah's Witnesses, and was told he would never threatened. Six manufactured to reveal a colossal scandal in the Black Sea resort of Sochi involving top party officials, for which had been dismissed and then threatened. Six manufactured to reveal a colossal scandal in the Black Sea resort of Sochi involving top party officials, for which the colossal scandal in the Black Sea resort of Sochi involving top party officials, for which the colossal scandal in the Black Sea resort of Sochi involving top party officials, for which the colossal scandal in the Black Sea resort of Sochi involving top party officials, for which the colossal scandal in the Black Sea resort of Sochi involving top party officials, for which the colossal scandal in the Black Sea resort of Sochi involving top party officials, for which the colossal scandal in the Black Sea resort of Sochi involving top party officials, for which the colossal scandal in the Black Sea resort of Sochi involving top party officials, for which the colossal scandal in the Black Sea resort of Sochi involving top party officials, for which the colossal scandal in the Black Sea resort of Sochi involving top party officials, for which the colossal scandal in the Black Sea resort of Sochi involving top party officials, for which the colossal scandal in the Black Sea resort of Sochi involving top party officials, for which the colossal scandal in the Black Sea resort of Sochi involving top party officials, for which the colossal scandal in the Black Sea resort of Sochi involving top party officials, for which the colossal scandal in the Black Sea resort of Sochi involving top party officials, for which the colossal scandal in the Black Sea resort of Sochi involving top party officials, for which the colossal scandal in the Black Sea resort of Sochi involving top party officials, for the colossal scandal in the Black Sea resort of Sochi involving top party officials, for the colossal sca later a Soviet newspaper broke the sensational story that the mayor of Sochi and his associates had been jailed for 13

vears for corruption.
One problem is that Russians have no conception of how the Western press operates, imag-ining it simply to be the reverse image of their own.

Lithuania to present an American colleague with a bundle documents, 10in thick, of views on detente, which wanted published in United States

wanted published in the took a lot of talking to persuade him that this would be states, and the only thing to lo was to persist in his applications.

Recognizing those who have a publishable story to tell can be difficult. Usually it turns out that the man simply wants his name in the newspapers thinking that this will help him emigrate. Two men came to a Western news agency last took a lot of talking to persuade out. It took a lot of talking to talking to talking to talking to took a lot of talking to tal the same thing. The net papers are stopping me sayi : what I want in the West : well."

Humanity and Western jo-nalistic tradition dictate you should at least listen sy pathetically to those who have a story to tell. But it is bard explain to Russians that the might as well tell it to I wind for all the help you c offer them. And too offer

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A SPECIAL REPORT

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China has entered 1981, the year of the in the cities, more and more young people see the mark cockered in the traditional zodies, in a chance of obtaining higher more peculiarly ambivalent mood. The sen-education, embarking on a state of the sen-education, embarking on a state of the sences on Chairman Mao Tse-tung': widow small business, which is no line of the people accused of the sences banned and nine other people accused of counter-longer banned. and nine other people accused of counter-ionger panned.

It is not surprising if some of the top generals and the two-year suspension regional commanders have that the counter-iong the death sentence on her almost ceremby been showing signs of regional commanders have recently been showing signs of regional commanders have reg recently been showing signs of the death sentence on her almost cerof restiveness at Mr Deng's of restiveness at Mr Deng's restiveness at Mr Deng's policies, from which they have not benefited. On the contrary, they have seen

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North the present as work has come to a half policy of diversification in on numerous big industrial agriculture does raise the sites across the country. The state of the state across the country. The state of the state across the country.

agriculture does raise the sites across the country. The likelihood of grain shortages idea is, to enable the planin more localities than at her's to take a fresh look at more more localities than at her's to take a fresh look at in more localities than at her's to take a fresh look at in more localities than at her's to take a fresh look at in more localities than at her's to take a fresh look at in more localities than at her's to take a fresh look at in more localities than at her's to take a fresh look at in more localities than at her's to take a fresh look at in more localities than at her's to take a fresh look at in more localities than at her's to take a fresh look at in more localities than at her's to take a fresh look at investment, priorities; and efficacy of equipment use.

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Yet the Chinese economy is still fundamentally sound, being rooted in the soil, and the heart harvest.

China's peusants are used by economic trends in the developed world. The main problem caused by the cut-

the Others will criticine the to hard toll and often into hard toil and often independences on the ground that debtedness, one reason for the sourcest of the sourcess of the community movement in the manifest profitable crops and refuse and light industries, which is mindent leaders, whereas they were once profitable crops and refuse and light industries, which is mindent of what Jiang or communal construction projects without extra pay—

The common people have to hard toil and often induction to back, in heavy industry will be the recomployment of the munity movement in the manifest will find employment in the textile and light industries, which are expanding fast. But the common people have given them the taste

The common people have have given them the taste the job market, in addition the sentences; they have length to busy preparing for spectations in the country hich took place on Feb siphoning peasants into the other big problem arry 4 and 5. Like the cities to work for cash wages affecting all sectors of extern Christmas, it is a on his construction projects.

This year many people far from wanting present and turns, and the ups and turns, and tur mpensation by the Govern-sidered a fine way for a socialism.

The party press invelghs operty was confiscated in away from the solitifying daily against a going through operty was confiscated in away from the stultifying daily against going through the Cultural Revolution. This all good news for the city vellers, but what of the bases who make up 80 natterial assistance to the has new year is especially portant to the peasants. Now there has been a solution and nepotism. If the the crop year and is the undertake military service, earthly paradise to be built cus of many traditional which is not mandatory in on the writings of Marx or persitious or religious China. Recruitment drives who no longer believe in an interpretation of the writings of Marx or ractices, by no means all are being launched, but peasant families are no longer so ready to sacrifice author, The Chinese author, The Chinese

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problem caused by the cut-back in heavy industry will

estern Christmas, it is a on big construction projects, society is the growth of the for frantic shopping. But many such projects have apathy, cynicism and refusal ling and drinking and been cancelled or delayed to accept responsibility, string relatives.

This year many population that the formula for the political twists

The new year is especially. Now there has been a will be through enlightened portant to the peasants, sharp drop in the number of appeals to the self-interest whom it is associated young people willing to of the mass of the people, who no longer believe in an who no longer believe in an

author, The Chinese



Some tightening of screw likely

The word is

ing of the strew.

The late Chairman Mao's definition of political free tion of a new criminal law Problems of sex, especially dom was the right to discuss and law of criminal prothe wedding night, have ing of the screw. dom was the right to discuss and law of criminal proposition affairs openly, and to cedure.

There is still no systema-public. But under Mao these tradition of sorting out women's magazine. Which left-wing faction holding by the authorities on the sway at any particular time spot is still widely used.

As Mao's widow, Jiang Qing people with training and once said, "only the left has experience in Icgal work is turning an extra penny by the right to rebel".

Expression of an opinion in me. Which was the right to make the disputes through arbitration of the shortage of a lapantime which Mao's group concodes, but it will be solved sidered deviant, or mis in time.

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plaim all the way to the top plaim all the way to the top if necessary.

The model of this type of constructive criticism last works—a far cry from the of day-to-day administration. constructive criticism last works—a far cry from the of day-to-day administration, year was a cook in an expen-dismal news programmes of and concentrate instead on sive Peking restaurant, who a few years ago, which used general matters of policy. denounced the Minister of to end with the announce-

Politica' and social reform is Commerce for treating him- ment: " Here is a summary Politica' and social reform is to be the keynote of the self to cut-price banquets of tomorrow night's news."

1980s in China, as the post-Mao leadership are consolidated and translated into reality.

Liberalization is the purpose of inost of the reforms already declared, but there are certain key areas where the rights of the individual to free self-expression will not be measurably enhanced, and may even see a tightening of the strew.

The commerce for treating him-ment: "Here is a summary of tomorrow night's news."

The young cook was The favourite television of tomorrow night's news."

The young cook was The favourite television post-indicated, but series is an American pro-leadership are consolidated and translated into reality. The chinese who thought it in-world War. The Chinese advisable to "rock the cinema is also much livelier the rights of the individual to free self-expression will assist to the could just as comedies, romantic love easily have lost his job.

A good legal system is the denouncing the evils of the basis of all freedom in Cultural Revolution. The society, and just over a year production; are stagey and ago the process of drafting spilical, but the enthusiasm tomprehensive legal codes uper saving something new is

sidered deviant, or mis in time.

judged criticisms of one's What remains to be seen was in great demand until superiors, could and often is whether the Communist printing was stopped by the

did bring personal disaster; Party "will stick to its authorities, self-expression was actually pledge not to interfere in Trivia much of this cersupressed more severely in the legal process for politically is, but it takes years Mao's later years than at call ends. No other come of being deprived of trivial any time in Chinese history, munist country has reached to make people realize how much it contributes to the sees freedom of expression. More tangible for the mass colour and interest of their not as a goal in itself, but as of the people are the lives.

a way of rationalizing social liberalization measures in On a more serious level, unstitutions through con-culture, education, the arts the party has reinstituted.

their facts right, and are tribulations of a dance-hall want to see a real separa prepared to carry their com- hostess.

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Leadership

Purge of leftists reaches culmination

Somewhat contrary to the wishes of its leaders, the past year has shown that in China politics still rules all. The principal event of recent months has been the trial of Jiang Qing, chairman Mao Tse-tung's widow, and nine of the people, on charges of counter revolutionary activity, including in the contrary to the increasingly alienated from Deng's policies and he would had obtiless like to bring them to take place until after the defence of Mao's reputation, into line.

Mr Zhao's appointment as February, and he Twelfth through many reforms—

None the less, Mr Deng has been able to push through many reforms—

None the less, Mr Deng has been able to push through many reforms—

Some would like. Still exerlowed by the cancellation of large numbers of heavy industrial projects, considered wasteful or misplanned, and the main difficulty for a measure of popular choice activity, including in the office as a counter-weight to programme for the next two. activity, including, in the case of some defendants, an attempt to assassinate Mao

The trial proclaimed as an Mr Li and Mr Chen, both exemplar of the new legal veteran economic planners code introduced last year, was run as a political show. cial comments in the pace in sociel and economic national media and minimal reform, but they will be proportunities for the national media and minimal reform, but they will be sometimes for the national media and minimal reform, but they will be sometimes for the national media and minimal reform, but they will be sometimes for the national media and minimal reform, but they will be sometimes for the national media and minimal reform, but they will be sometimes for the national media and minimal reform. to defend themselves. .

The other important event Hua Guofeng from his post as Chairman of the Com-munist Party, a move which has yet to be formalized but which is regarded as almost certain. Mr Rua's enforced esignation is the culmina-ion of the process of ridding the leadership of residual left-wing influence from the Mao era, and has been masterminded by Mr Deng Xiaoping, the Vice, Chairman and the country's eading strongman

The ousting of Mr Hua has been only the most notable incident in Mr Deng's long drawn-out purge of leftists and those who thought they could line up with them to oppose Mr Deng's increasingly violent assault on Mao and his

Most prominent in the Most prominent in the Deng group are Mr Hu Yaobang, appointed Secretary-General of the party last year, and Mr Zhao Ziyaug, who took over the post of Prime Minister from Mr Hua after a meteoric rise from provincial official-dom.

Secretary General of the party last year, and Mr Zhao Ziyarg, who rank ever the post of Prime Minister from Mr Hua after a meteoric rise from provincial official dom.

Mr Hu is widely rumoured to be about to succeed Mr Hua as chairman, but there have been other reports suggesting that the chairmanship may be abolished altogether, thus returning the increased pace the party to the mould of the party at the mould of the party at the mould of the party at the mould of the party, at hugh he would still be subordinate to Mr Dong in all practical matters. Yet another, version has of that Mr Hua will not become as focus of opposition of the party and as the world recession of receiping and as the world recession that the chairman Deng Niaoping, and politically-motivated products fell slightly as a ment, presents a picture of scorn of rechnical studies result of the poor havest under story in the chairman Deng Niaoping, and politically-motivated products fell slightly as a ment, presents a picture of scorn of rechnical studies result of the poor havest under studies result of the poor havest of the poor ha Mr Deng in all practical matters. Yet another version has it that Mr Bua will not come a focus of opposition Mr Deng. Marshal Ye has become

office as a counter-weight to programme for Mr Deng, and as the symbol or three years. of the continuity of policy
since Mao's death in 1976. leadership incl programme for the next two

Mr Li and Mr Chen, both and administrators, are be-

Persistent rumours tell of a serious quarrel between Mr Deng and General Xu Shiyou, a deputy Minister of Defence and until recently commander of the Canton

Military, Region. Military Region.

Mr Deng is understood to be particularly intent on taking over the chairmanship of the party's Central Military Commission from Mr Hua. There are many grounds to believe that some top military commanders have been the party's Central Military the ranks of deputy prime from no vantage point of Commission from Mr Hua.

There are many grounds to believe that some top military tommenders have been thinned out. Fresh politic as a cyclical process appointments are believed to is deply ingrained among tary tommenders have been to awaiting the plenary Chinge administrators, who voicing opposition to Mr session of the Central Com-were schooled in a near-

Other key figures in the leadership include Mr Ye Jianying the Vice Chairman, Mr Li Xiannian and Mr

Mr Deng's group is a simple in local government elec-paradox: his policies are tions, and encouragement to bold and dessive, but the people to speak their minds, within certain limits, are bolder they are, the more timidity the create among the middle-livel bureaucrats Chen Yun.

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Having reportedly pro- and the slover they are in

tetted Mr Deng during the being implemented. Add to latter's second period of this the unase felt by many political disgrace in 1976, party members about the expolitical disgrace in 1976, party members about the exGeneral Xu is thought to be tent of "demaoization", and
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post of Defence Minister, of anothe leftist administrawhich is still officially untion at some time in the
occupied since the resignation of Marshal Xu Xiangqian last year.

There are yawning gaps in
the leadership because of any conteback by a leftist
purges and resignations, and regime/seems most unlikely
the ranks of deputy prime from no vantage point of

laying down a basis for more rational and open govern ment, supported by a greatly liberalized and renascent press. Unfortunately too many high officials still adhere to the old methods of dictatorial fiat and fac-

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sary after the long years of

law and procedure taxation joint enterprises and protec-

Factionalism is one of China's most tenacious prolems, and it is difficult to see how middle-level admini

David Bonavia

Economy

Meeting basic needs supplants industrial projects

China is obliged to accept tons. Coal, at 606 million (up 29 fer cent). Watches Politburo, Mr Deng's agriculture are being put under wraps tons, is down nearly 5 per and electronic goods are tural policy—emphasizing for the next two or three cent.

Steel, despite the latest imported in significant quantum of the reductions in investment, in these are fifts to relatives free markets, diversification change of policy is twofold.

The present leadership feels to 37 million tons, with the economy will never be rolled steel increasing from the consumer goods for increased more than 7 per cent from Cainese people living and higher prices for crops—has carried the day.

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large amounts of wheat, —mainly through new hydro-charman of the Communist inflated orices. Another community from the United electric plants and more Parly, is being blamed for tributor to inflation, which States, over the next few economic use of coal.

the setting of over-ambitious is thought to be about 6 per

Social reforms

Single-child families get housing priority

Every year on the banks of Launched in late 1979; the the Yellow River, Chinese campaign has run into peasants battle with home deeply-rooted resistance from made weapons over the the public.

Ownership of land uncovered In keeping with the new by the river's receding outlook of accounts-keeping, waters. Land disputes like profitmaking China, the cambrate widespread through paign is backed by economic this are widespread through paign is backed by economic or killed in recent years, who promise to have only Small wonder, then, that the one child earn for themselves the private plots, and food and fuel supplies of a food and fuel supplies of a china part of the past four years, two-child failly. They are the Chinese have covern the property of the past four years, two-child failly. They are the Chinese have covern the property of the past four years, two-child failly. They are the Chinese have covern the property of the past four years, two-child failly. They are the Chinese have covern the past four years, two-child failly. They are the Chinese have covern the past four years, two-child failly property are the child in the vacancies appeared latheve her illegal child in the vacancies appeared la

Do you compare the situation with ore-liberation. Despite the obvious attraction with ore-liberation Despite the obvious attraction of a higher standard of conditions, or with what tion of a higher standard of could, or arguably should, have been achieved after 30 years of comparatively stable were lucky to have escaped party rule? The Chinese the policy. In order to have aftitude towards prison reasoned child, a woman form, mental illness, sexual deviation (even normal sexuality) are all being broadened but can appear feudal.

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Social changes are also the chance to take her turn which political dogma is For the birth of a second which political dogma is For the birth of a second coupled with coercion of the community to shift behaviour in the desired direction. This process does not always go pessant woman to continue the continued at a second coupled with coercion of the community to shift behaviour in the desired direction. This process does not always go pessant woman to continue the continue of the cont

process does not always go peasant woman to continue smonthly, as demonstrated a second pregnancy despite by the "one is fine" birth the equally strong pressure control campaign that advo-from a unit leader to abort cates single-child families, had horrific consequences:

Over the past four years, two-child family. They are mic pressure and com-style "liberalization". On the Chinese have concent given housing priority over munity practice. For years, cannot deny the improvipated on changing social everyone else.

all over China, people have ment in consumer goods, the the Chinese have concentrated on changing social everyone else.

At the same time, having a lid over China, people have ment in consumer goods, the answer criminal code, mare a third child means the loss regulations have already been introduced. But evaluating the success of such child after that. The message ing the success of such child after that. The message social reforms, no matter is clearly hungry while the childless others equally well qualipolicy are not necessarily to munity practice. For years, cannot deny the improving all over China, people have ment in consumer goods, the worked the system appearance of increased the stream advectisements prompt advectisements of incomparative control on telephone poles and well-travelled corners and well-travelled corners which govern their society proposing the exchange of which govern their society that the childless others equally well qualipolicy are not necessarily field.

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were loose cooperation ventures rather than investment tures rather than investment of foreign capital.

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Jardine Matheson, never to the first half of 1980 Japan, China market, won the first half of what it had been ship. talf of what it had been ship ture for its Schindler lift and ning in the preceding six escalaror enterprise.

nonths, and that figure was nowest haif-yearly total a joint venture to make or five years.

380,000 television sets annu-

ng in the 1970s was buying only two million toones of rain a year, on average, whether at a provincial or rom the Americans, for central level, will depend on 1981-84 it has staked a claim its own exports. There is to six million tonnes a year. no evidence of a big increase

heir capacity either to pay for or digest.

British trade with China is also buying second-hand machinery—order. British exports dropped by 23 per cent, while China's shipments to the United Kingdom market grew by 12 per cent. British exports dropped by 23 per cent, while China's shipments to the United Kingdom market grew by 12 per cent. British twith a still healthy surplus representing an annual rate of almost foom.

Many other leading suppliers to China have fared as badly.

The United States is the major exception to the trend, with both exports and imports higher than the year before. But that is partly oxplained by China's continuing bunger for American farm products, as well as the somewhat exaggerated reputation which United States and expansion is on the way comey long-isolated chinese managers. Last year Chinase poposage Hongkong, Zhuhai spent no less than \$2,000m on American wheat, cotton, corn and soyabeans.

British trade with China is partly for dia is also buying from machinery conism in Western markets. The Americans for example, found that China delivered over a million woollen sweaters to their markets in one month elone last summer, so restraint was dent and stypen. Otherwise the road to sales in the 490 joint investment or collaboration ventures as far the 490 joint investment or collaboration ventures of far investors concluded with foreigners in Shenzhen, the most femous kets for really cheap clothes go on swelling. Shanghai alone now ships: more than ment, are with Hongkong or Sim-worth of handkerchiefs as it with the first its new development. Most of the major exception to the trend, with hoth exports and imports higher than the year before. But that is partly ordered to talk to his officials, and Technical Relations foreign exchange are being foreign exchange are being pressed. To woo the foreign to make the foreign to a first two other places in the way of squeezing money out of place or selling grave sites at \$1,000 at the control of the trend, with hoth can be a soluted with foreig

on American wheat, cotton, the new joint venture law, the new joint venture law, some business is still there 330 ventures were approved to be done, especially in such involving \$1,800m, of which obviously sensible areas as foreigners furnished over obviously sensible areas as foreigners furnished over profitable.

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firs. China's capacity to import,

China furthermore is hop-ing for substantial aid credits from the World Bank and United Nations agencies. A loan of \$10,000m over five years, specifically to restore China's transport system and reequip its uni-versities, is being talked

about.

In these ways the Chinese expect to operate a healthy foreign trade over the next few years, with small deficits he lowest half-yearly total or five years.

Feeding 1,000 million ally by 1984 in Fujian prohinese presents a tougher hallenge every year, and chinese caution runs almost o pessimism in the recent ing £20m in a Haipan island and current contracts for pain imports. Whereas Pekning in the 1970s was buying fits. does not always graft suc-cessfully to unfamiliar new soil and conditions.

Dick Wilson

The law

Restoring faith in the judicial system

The recent trial of Jiang them were sent to work in factories or on the land, and colleagues for counter-revolutionary activities was hardly the best advertisement for China's new system of criminal justice, established just over a year ago.

It was, in the main, a political show-trial. Even so, the accused had not been "broken" beforehand, and they did not make the false contessions that are usually the hallmark of such proteedings. They were entitled to lawyers of their choice. They could, and did, crossexamine witnesses and make the processions that are usually the hallmark of such proteedings. They were entitled to lawyers of their choice. They could, and did, crossexamine witnesses and make

that the verdict had not been predetermined. As show-trials go, however, it was perhaps closer to Nuremberg than to the Russian trials of the 1930s.

It was probably inevitable that a case of such fundamental importance to the political structure of the country would be distorted, and it would be unfair and infortunate if the "Gang of Four" trial were taken as a vpical example of the direction being taken by the hinese legal system. The eatity is more encouraging, starting from a base of ippalling chaos, the Chinese attempting the daunting tractions for it.

The first is being achieved through the adoption of a number of new codes, the through the adoption of number of new codes, the through the adoption of num

on examples from western populing chaos, the Chinese are attempting the daunting ask of building up a fair and coherent system to tovern a wide range of legal matters.

Up to 1977, for nearly a lecade and a half, there was n effect no legal system. Thina was a lawless society; the whim of the ascendant action was paramount and he laws that had previously the lawsers were among the laws to suffer from the oblinical upheaval. Branded the laws that had previously the oblinical upheaval. Branded selitists, intellectuals, than a decade—even to reach the number of the lawyers who were active in

to lawyers of their choice. They could, and did, cross-examine witnesses and make statements and speeches. Moreover, the trial was to some extent public, and many millions of television watchers were able to watch liang Qing put up an extremely spirited defence. The essential that was third, to educate the people lacking was any indication that the verdict had not been predetermined. As show. legally qualified, and it is easier for China, with its well-developed tradition of conciliation at the neigh-bourhood or factory level, and its use of people's assessors in criminal trials,

to make do without the full panoply of qualified legal figures. The third element of China's legal reawakening the education of the masses about the law—is being effected by means of lectures throughout the country, discussions at local level, inviting ordinary menole to trials some of people to trials, some of which are held in large theatres to enable thousands to attend, and full reporting and explanations in the

with the painful experience of Jiang Qing's trial behind them, the Chinese can now concentrate on the less spectacular but more difficult task of restoring credibility and efficiency to a legal system which they see as being of fundamental plans for the rest of the

> Marcel Berlins Legal Correspondent

Foreign relations

Year of advance in global engagement

The Chinese trade hubble That it going to set up at 10 come, although China's statistics show a Zi demants of the motor of



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Education -

Schools are 'streamed' on hierarchical lines

The Chinese education are insufficient to provide system has emerged battered universal education.

Lying behind the transaction and shaken from the Cultural Revolution. Teachers are try-sing to regain the prestige is the regime's conviction that the distance which they enjoyed in the early that the distance which the color of "worker students" students and shaken from the Cultural Lying behind the transaction of the education and shaken from the Cultural Revolution. Teachers are try-size is the regime's conviction aminations, fully aware that in the educational realm.

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revisionism and the criticism of Lin Biao and Confucius. Strident propaganda praised model pupils like Huang Shuai, who argued with her primary school teacher over ideological matters and became headline news in the national press. Examinations were banned, and teachers limited, the key schools have privately complained that priority throughout, to staff,

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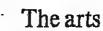
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The present regime has been recognition to conduct done a great deal an improve shed in country areas where When schools reopened in 1969, they were told to carry out a revolution in education by training a new generation of proletarian fighters well versed in the evils of revisionism and the criticism of Lin Biao and Confucius. Strident propaganda praised model pupils like Huang the schools recessful candia schools. Today the hierarchishas even been talk of allow done a great deal to improve the staff the state is unable to finance the atmosphere in the staff the state is unable to finance the atmosphere in the staff the atmosphere in the staff the state is unable to finance the atmosphere in the staff towns, not least by leaving full-time schools for all, and to expel unsatisfactory students. Academics, the pivot of official policy students. Academics, the pivot of official policy is while welcoming these moves the atmosphere in the staff towns, not least by leaving full-time schools for all, and the pivot of official policy. The present regime has schools in the atmosphere in the staff towns, not least by leaving full-time schools for all, and to expel unsatisfactory students. Academics, the pivot of official policy. The present regime has schools in the atmosphere in the staff the atmosphere in the staff towns, not least by leaving full-time schools for all, and to grant them more control, ing long spells of open-door schools are to grant them more control, ing long spells of open-door teachers to get on with beginning to change their cachers to get on with the atmosphere in the staff the atmosphere in the staff towns, not least by leaving full-time schools for all, and towns, and to expel unsatisfactory students. Academics, the pivot of official policy. The atmosphere in the staff the atmosphere in the staff the atmosphere in the staff towns, not least to get on with the atmosphere in the staff towns, not least to get on with the atmosphere in the staff towns, not least to get on with the atmosphere in the staff towns to enter key schools) are likely to proceed to higher education, but they also make the streaming of the Chinese education system more rigid at each stage.

It is easy to see why the present policies have been adopted and to sympathize with a regime struggling to

Beth McKillop



Nostalgic indulgence in the past



Literature of the Cultural egulations.

The desired result was to produce works which "preproduce works which "present in a healthy way a revolutionary content, exalt the downfall of the Gang with deep and warm proletarian feelings the Great indulgence in the past. The great novels of the 1930s and great, glorious and infallible 1940s by Lao She, Mao Dun Chinese Communist Party" and Ba Jin were reissued to Chairman Mao; exelt the great alorious and infallible 1940s by Lao She, Mao Dun great glorious and infallible 1940s by Lao She, Mao Dun to great glorious and infallible 1940s by Lao She, Mao Dun to great glorious and infallible 1940s by Lao She, Mao Dun to great glorious and infallible 1940s by Lao She, Mao Dun the great glorious and infallible 1940s by Lao She, Mao Dun the case, for the most recent meeting of the wound interact glorioden distance, characterissic of the most recent meeting of the wound interactive; represent and human interest, which challed the people along lines or degs.

Classic Peking operas were and Melville, and soft to crowds who queued to rehearse them between whereby and infallible performances of model superior to class enemies. Classic Peking operas were indisputably and infallible performances of model superior to class enemies. Anyone who tried to senore where yet his work sublished and would probably be imprisoned.

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Such rules were most strongly felt in siterature but extended to the visual arts where painters (spoured at their peril directives to avoid "paintings of lemons, cherries, dead fish, girls with fillowers and similar trash".

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cause it reveals to the outside world too clearly the horrors of the recent past.

In denouncing the Cultural young man who claimed that Revolution, cultural authorities find themselves in a difficult position for it may difficult position for it may

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pylons, tractors and other she realizes her mistake and sought official recognition. Or a peasant but a scientist

Literature of the Cultural Revolution has been described as "immaculately most during the Cultural writers could expect little in the way of personal fame or financial gain and indeed they hardly existed, either writing as part of a team or hiding behind pseudonyms. It might equally well have been described as test-tube to conception for ell artistic creation was governed by regulations.

Painters and writers were gioom is slightly relieved by ayoung man who managed to get there before her mother died and who will help to who will help to heal her "wound":

"Wound painting" is as would political allegory Peking in the year 2000 (featuring the exemplified by Han Meilin's soft portrait of his dog which have made the transition the ballerina Dai Aikan says the ballerina Dai Aikan says taken them some time to regulations.

seem that there are now no injustice and hope for a new chance, characteristic of the

year prints pasted on door. She sees the only hope of the Cultural Revolution but mediation of the overseas ways at spring festival still a decent life in rejecting her recently, in accord with calls Chinese and through the depicted fet babies but they, past but when the Gang falls for greater political free fact that the hero of the too, were overshadowed by and her mother is reinstated, doms, unofficial artists have 1980s is no longer a worker

Frances Wood

Some tightening of screw likely in post-Mao era

guidance and settlement of

contentious issues. It thought likely that the party will be trimmed down from its present membership of 38 million, and doubtless many cadres who joined during the leftist upheavals of the Cultural Revolution will be removed from the rolls unless they fundamentally change their attitudes. The villains of much fic-

Experienced bankers and successor as party chairman, panied by a rising crime traders who were thrown Mr Rua Guofeng, showed rate, alarmingly visible our of their jobs in the late signs of creating a cult among juveniles and unemposes bave been compen around himself, but it was a ployed young people. Foreign again to negotiate trade soon to be out of office. quite often in Shanghai, and deals with foreign companies. China does not have so great a pool of expert knowledge that it could possibly have gone on with Man's persecution of dom to exercise genuine wraps, but it is clear that:

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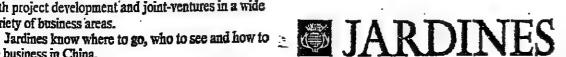
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THE FIFTH PROPRIETORSHIP

was the proprietorship of the founding family of John Walter which lasted for more than a century. That was followed by the proprietorship of Northcliffe, which was in its turn followed by that of the Astors and by the Thomson proprietorship which is now at an end. Each of these ownerships has made its own major contribution to the paper. The Walters, after John Walter, I, a failed Lloyds underwriter, had seized the opportunity to provide an unsurpassed coverage of the French Revolution, created The Times as a great Victorian. institution with a combination of Victorian efficiency, Victorian thoroughness and the Victorian conscience. The reputation and the character of the paper dated from their time and in particular from the long Editorship of Delane, from 1841 to 1877, the greatest of the Editors of The Times.

Period of stability

Northcliffe bought The Times after a period of decline. He infused it with his own demonic energy and he completely reorganized the commercial side. He was, however, always in conflict with the spirit of the paper which resisted the propagarda inherent in his method and the excited exaggeration and distortion which is inherent in all propaganda. In his last years, Northcliffe was not in his right mind and after the experience of Northcliffe the Astor proprietors provided an honourable stability.

and simply wanting The Times to be conducted as a service to the nation. By 1966, commercial conditions had made it impossible for any private family to carry on a newspaper on this basis. At that time, Roy Thomson was the leading proprietor of Fleet Street. He simed to protect the future of The Times, which he did not expect to be a profitable undertaking, by merging it with The Sunday Times, and like Northcliffe, by reorganizing its commercial management.

Roy Thomson was a business man of remarkable gifts. As a proprietor, he was extremely generous to The Times. He gave us consistent and strong support and exercised a shrewd and powerful commercial judgment. Although he was a great newspaper man and owned two huncommercial and not from the editorial side. He was also an almost incredibly successful business man, making his final for-tune in oil, worth several hundreds of millions of pounds, when he was in his eighties.

The death of Roy Thomson in 1976 marked the beginning of a period of crisis for the paner which has lasted to this day. There have been several strands - to the crisis. Kenneth Thomson. the second Lord Thomson of Fleet, continued his father's policy of generosity and support for the paper, but had an attitude to the paper which was in some ways closer to that of the Astors than to his father's. His own main interests were, increasingly, in his home country of

Canada, where he has greatly

that the hoard was concealed in a

bank for six months after it was found, in contravention of the legal

requirement to report it. It also seems that the report was only made

after knowledge of the treasure had

emerged by accident, via the Council for British Archaeology.

In these circumstances, there would seem to be a strong case for

the Covernment declining to make the usual ex gratia payment that is

rather than buried in panic) was I lost by the finder's illegal conceal-

Those who find archaeological

material should be encouraged to

report it promptly, and those who find possible treasure trore need to be reminded of their obligation to

Sir. Once again ill-considered and ill-informed statements from the leaders of Britain's fishermen have

served to mislead the public as to the true situation in the industry.

The present action by fishermen will do nothing to improve their long-term prospects and may well do

considerable harm to all concerned.

fortunes alleged by the fishermen the number of fish shops would be

If fishmongers were making the

do so: withholding or reduction the customary reward in the Thet-

ford case would emphasize this.

Yours faithfully,

JEAN WILSON,

King's College, Cambridge.

Fish trade crisis

From Mr j. B. Green

February 4.

the reverse. Thirty years ago there Thetford treasure find was one retail group operating 450 fresh fish shops. The last of these From Dr Jean Wilson Sir, From your account today (February 4) of the inquest on the Therford Roman treasure it is clear closed late last year because of the very high overheads and poor re-

For many years fishmongers have urged fishermen to agree to a national scheme to promote and advertise fish. To raise at least \$2m for such a scheme would be easy and cost only a fraction of a penny per retail sale. The catching side of the industry has resisted all our efforts on the ground that they could sell all the available catch at a good price. The position is now very different and we can only hope some sort of cooperation will be forthcoming before it is too late. is the usual ex gratia payment that is used to reward finders of treasure a trove, or to reduce it substantially as it is, important evidence on the circumstances of the treasure's deposition (which might, for example have indicated that it was a votive offering at the shrine of Faunus rather than buried in panic) was long by the finder's illegal ranceal.

An effective advertising programme would improve the demand for fish and would ensure a better return for all concerned. Banning imports of fish will only be a pallia-tive and will never cure the ail-

If imports were banned there would be many fish-processing plants which would be obliged to close. Most of them are geared up to a fixed production programme costed over a long period. British fishermen are not able to supply the right grade, quality and quantity required for a long production

The effect on retail sales of intported fish is very much exaggera-ted. Most fishmongers prefer to sell British fish if it compares favourably with the import. Unfortunately this is not always the case as most foreigners take considerable trouble to see their fish is well graded and guaranteed weight. The same cannor be said of much of the British fish.

Fishermen should give more thought to the ultimate consumer, for it is he or she who dictates the price the market will stand. Yours faithfully, JOHN GREEN.

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The Times has a new proprietor, expanded the business interests between Northcliffe and Roy Mr Rupert Murdoch. His is the of the Thomson family both in fifth proprietorship in the history newspapers, such as The Toronto of the paper. By far the longest Globe and Mail, and in the very major acquisition of control of The Hudson Bay Company. His attitude towards The Times was that of the honourable trustee. He had a great sense of responsibility towards the paper, but as we lurched from crisis to crisis, all springing from bad industrial relations, the burden of the responsibility became heavier and heavier. In the last four years, neither owning nor managing The Times has been much joy to anyone, and it can have been no joy to him. field. Nor, did he attach much In 1976, it was already clear importance to his personal views

that The Times, with its massive setting requirement, needed to be brought on to the new electronic composing room equip-ment. This added to the stresses which already existed with the trade unions. The Times was substantially overmanned, as was The Sunday Times. Unless levels of manning could be reduced and the new technology brought in, the company would not operate at a profit and in most vears was certain to make significant losses.

The relationship with the unions had become steadily worse and there were frequent disruptions of production, particularly on The Sunday Times. The attempt to negotiate a major set of reforms broke down in 1978 and was followed by nearly a year's suspension of both papers. Within a year of. that suspension coming to an end, it had become apparent that so much damage had been done to the industrial relationships inside the business that it could not be put right under Thomson ownership; Kenneth Thomson's decision to sell the papers fol-The Astors were the least lowed his recognition of that fact commercial of proprietors, not It was a sad conclusion to a proseeking to profit from the paper prietorship to which The Times owes a great deal. It was a cor-rect decision, but it was one made with great regret on both sides. The successful negotiations between Mr Murdoch and the unions have largely achieved what the Thomsons were not able to achieve between 1978 and

An act of courage

The first thing to be said about Mr Rupert Murdoch's ownership of The Times is that his decision to take on our problems was an act of considerable courage. He is now, as Roy Thomson was in 1967, the leading active pro-prietor in Fleet Street. There have been in this century, four men who have transformed Fleet dred or more newspapers, he Street by their ownership of mation, that achieved by the modern Daily Mirror, was the result not of individual ownership but of a combination of two or three remarkable men. The four most important proprietors have been Northcliffe, Beaverbrook, Roy Thomson and Rupert Murdoch and three of the four have become proprietors of The Times.. It is a measure of the challenge which lies ahead of Mr Murdoch that neither Northcliffe nor Roy Thomson, though they both made a great contribution to the development and continuity of the paper, managed to solve its commercial problems. Mr Murdoch does resolve those problems, he will have achieved something which has defied the masters of his craft. Mr Murdoch stands somewhere

wanted it to be attractive, but he did not regard himself as in any way expert in the editorial field. Nor, did he attach much of public affairs. Rupert Mundoch comes from a news-paper family and has always involved himself in the editorial character as well as the commer-cial efficiency of his papers. Yet he is also very much an international business man, fascinated by the problems and opportunities of managing and financing a worldwide group of companies. He is neither as much the pure editorial newspaper man as Northcliffe, nor as much the pure commercial newspaper man as Roy Thomson. He is, however, very obviously a man in love with newspapers, a newspaper professional but even newspaper romantic. independence

Thomson in newspaper owner-

ship. Northcliffe was an edito-

rial genius who created great

wealth through his newspapers

but left most of the business

management to his brother, the first Lord Rothermere. Roy

Thomson was a business man.

The first thing he would do with

a newspaper was to count the columns of advertising. He had

a strong sense of the need for the editorial side to be

responsible, and of course he

Assurances of

The assurances of editorial independence which Mr Murdoch has given are very far reaching and there is no reason to doubt be will abide by them. There is also no doubt that he will want to make a contribution to raising the level of The Times and The Sunday Times as newspapers. There is always an opportunity for that. The task of a daily newspaper is by definition impossible. It is necessary, three hundred times in a year, to produce a complete and accurate, yet stimulating and interesting account of the previous day's news, accompanied by serious comment and opinion and by other elements of information and entertainment. Inevitably, newspapers have periods when they are operating less than perfectly in one area or another, just as a day in which the newspaper has been charged with energy and effectiveness may be followed by a day in which the news is rather dull and the sails flap

against the mast. There can never be too much thought put into a newspaper nor can there ever be too much energy put into a newspaper. It is essential that a proprietor should leave the ultimate independence and integrity of a news paper to the Editor. A proprietor should, and Mr Murdoch will, leave it to the judgment of the Editor of The Times at the next election, whether to support any or none of the parties that put themselves forward. Nevertheless The Times is likely to benefit, not only commercially and from having new energies thrown into it in what is always a struggle to achieve an unattainable standard. Certainly, the editorial staff look back with gratitude to the support the paper has had from the Thomson family as they still do to the Astors. They also look forward. with relief and eagerness, to the new proprietorship of Murdoch, which they believe holds out great hope for the future of the paper.

Childbirth at home

From Dr S. J. Ware Sir, I was surprised to read Dr Garrow's views (letter, Febuary 2) supporting those who advocate more childbirth at home, and I would guess that he is in the minority among paediatricians.

The question of home deliveries

among paediatricians.

The question of home deliveries is a vexed one, and most obstetricians and paediatricians are bound to hold views different from those of patients. If the chances of an unexpected disaster at home leading to a brain-damaged infant, which could have been prevented in hospital, are, say, one in several thou-sand, the risk from the individual mother's point of view is very small and may reasonably be disregarded by her.

by her.

To the paediatrician however, the To the paediatrician however, the ote-in-several-thousand chance is an eventual certainty as he will have responsibility for thousands of newborn every year. The risk is hard to quantify, and will not be found among the available statistics, but most of us see such children in our clinics.

Clearly, "humanisation" of the

linics.

Clearly "humanisation" of the maternity hospital process, as suggested by Mrs Short's committee, is the best compromise. Even such a momentous event as the birth of a new baby inevitably loses its thrill for staff who deal with it 10 or 15 times a day : many units are under-staffed which may make it barder to apply the important personal touch. Nevertheless most of us are taking active steps to try and make our maternity departments less like

sausage machines. Perinatal services, particularly paediatric cover, are not as compre-hensive in some units as we would hensive in some units as we would like them to be. But one has to balance the distress to the mother, separated from home and family at this most vulnerable time, often for a week or more in hospital, against the risk of preventable perinatal damage to the infant which, though rare constitutes a life sentence for thild and parants elike child and parents alike.

Yours sincerely. STEPHEN WARE, Basildon Hospital, Nathermayne,

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

in remand rule

From Lord Gardiner, CH.
Sir, Ministers have been assuring us that the suspension of the eight-day remand rule has been working satisfectorily, but when asked for evidence of this have confessed that there is none. They do not know how often unrepresented people have been remanded in custody or to what extent defendants are now being held for longer periods than previously. Information on these petote and beamanent change in the

law can be rationally discussed.

For the moment it seems that in accordance with their best traditions the Home Office are telling us all must be well because they know little to the contrary.

That are well-below to be the contrary.

is all must be well because they know little to the contrary. They are milicity to hear from defendants held for weeks at a time in police cells, but Mr David Roberts's letter (February 5) now makes it clear how the Imprisonment (Temporary Provisions) Acr is adversely diffecting the situation and rights of the individual prisoner. In 1972 the House of Lords debated (Hansard (HL) vol 335 no 133, cols 1372-1390) a proposal to allow represented defendants to be remanded in custody for three weeks at a time. I argued then that this would be very convenient to everyone concerned in the legal process—the courts, lawyers, and police, to everyone m fact except to the untried orisoner himself. For him, as the statistics clearly showed, the eight day rule represented a real safeguard.

On a free vote the Lords overwhelmingly defeated the proposal to arode the eight day rule, and the present (and then) Lord (Chancellor was among those who voted to refain it. I do not think the arguments have changed since then. Yours sincerely, CARDINER.

Yours sincerely, GARDINER.

President, Howard League for Penal Reform, 169 Clapham Road, SW9.

Centre party views

From Mr N. P. Mgles ... Sir, Although I generally share your

Sir. Although I generally share your political viewpoint, your leading article today (February 10), "The sooner the better", prompts me to profound disagreement.

It is not a question of Mrs Williams, nor indeed of any personality. The tenor of your article suggests that a friendly, cautious if "sometimes muddled" approach represents the type of leadership which Britain wants. It may be what the British people think they would like, but it is not what they need.

The politics of compromise, of striving constantly for the common denominator, served well enough when the country's problems were relatively manageable. In the face of world recession, soaring oil prices and ever intensifying foreign competition it is manifestly not only inadequate but disastrons. How can inadequate out disastrons. How can the chronic problems at the heart of Britain's decline, the lack of competitiveness, inefficiency, restric-tive practices and the like be over-come by "talking in a language of friendliness, of tair dealing, of bal-ance"?

This is a world where millions of Care for the environment people starve for lack of resources.

End fairness and indecision are not Sir Your report (February 4) on the rewarded. Confrontation with wrong-ness is necessary, and if that be divisive its justification lies in the fact that the politics of compromise can only become effective or relevant when these great problems have

Your policy, adopted by all British governments since the last war, laudable as it may be in appropriate circumstances, in the final dutcome has failed the country. Perhaps we shall never do better, but at least. somebody is now trying.
Yours faithfully,
N P MVI FC N. P. MYLES. Broadbent House.

64-65 Grosvenor Street, W1.

Stability in Grenada From Mr David de Gale

Sir, Congratulations on Jeremy Taylor's objective and encouraging report on Grenada (February 6); drawing attention to its hard working left-wing government's brave

and economic balance for this remarkable as well as beautiful West Indian island.

West Indian island.

Though the "anglophone prime ministers of neighbouring islands" may be ignoring Mr Bishop, there seems to be a degree of quiet support for him amonest the remaining old establishment "anglophones" in the island—somerhing that could never have been said in the days of Sir Evic Gairy's government.

And it is relevant to record publicly that when, in February 1980, our family estate was peremptorily taken over by a village commune and renamed "The People's Collective Farm", government supunine and renamed the reopie's Collective Farm", government support was immediately forthcoming for the manager's protection and the estate was returned (eventually) to

normal working.

It is by judicious, well-regulated behaviour that Mr Bishop—like Mr. Mugabe—hopes to transform his small nation into a homogeneous structure of living communities.

His problem parkers as also

His problem perhaps as elsewhere amongst the ranks of those persuaded or forced to move far to the left to do this will be to retain unbroken the native happiness, the zest for life, the individuality that one always associates with Grenadians. The neighbouring anglophone prime ministers can point to patent signs that Mr Bishop and the PRG (People's Regulationary Consumers) Revolutionary Government) are losing some ground here: but they are hardly helping him (or themselves) by their intransigent

If they showed even a degree of indifference, rather than hostility, Mr Bishop might in time be enabled to strike a balance between an extreme leftist and a more neutral alliance—a position, inci-dentally, that many believe would have been natural to him and the PRG, had they been better received and supported by the British and American governments at the out-

Yours, etc. DAVID de GALE.
Dernford Hall,
Saxmuedham, Suffolk.

Question of change Dangers of British ambiguity on Ulster Fading beauty of in remand rule

From Mr B. S. D. Graham the assurances of The Times, and Colour film
Sir; Your editorial comment on the other friends and defending of the Bolton of the Nation display by "Paisley's mounted foot". (February: 7) correctly highlights hide, why the secrecy?

(February: 7) correctly dightights the dangerous state of tension which now exists in Ulater as a result of the Prime Minister's refusal to churidate what was agreed between herself and the Irish Prime Minister in the December summit meeting. Ian Paisley's political career has been built by exploiting such fears in the unionist population of the province. In view of the actions of previous British governments we have the right to be suspicious; how much more so when the Government is acting in col-Belfast February 9. the Government is acting in col-laboration with a man who came to power in his country on the back of the militant republicans in his

party.

If political cooperation between British and Irish governments is going to lead to better security on our common land frontier it would be welcomed as much in Belfast as, in London and Dibbin. But we in Ulster are contiled to question the sincerity of the Dublin Government in implementing whatever new security agreements were new setween our Prime Minister and Mr Lynch in September, 1979, and with Mr Haughey in December, 1980.

IRA terrorists still seem to escape with impunity into the Irish with impunity into the Irish Republic, they still mount many of their operations from the Irish

their operations from the Irish Republic; they still marshal their armaments in the Irish Republic; they still do their training in the Irish Republic; and at least 50 known terforists are "hiding-out" in the Irish Republic.

Of course there have been a few well-publicized arms finds on the southern side of the border. But why is it so seldom that anyone is strested in connexion with such finds? Is it the case that some of finds? Is it the case that some of the finds have been old IRA stock. rather than anything being used in the current campaign? The only way in which the Irish Government can show their sincerity is to agree to the extradition of terrorists found within their jurisdiction. The extra-territorial court method which they proposed in 1975 has been shown to be totally useless, at was pre-dicted at the time.

What then were the undertakings extracted from the Prime Minister in return for the spurious promises from the Irish Government? For instance, did she, in September, 1979, agree to the withdrawal of the SAS (Special Air Service Regiment) from the border eress in return for the Irish Government's agreement to a frontier sir corri-dor? Whether or not this is so, speculation in Ulster along these lines will continue so long as the Prime Minister refuses to be more frank in her dealings with the House of Commons.

Fears abound in Northern Ireland that, the province is about to be betrayed. While those fears exist lan Paisley will exploit them for his own ends. Most unionists would like to trust. Mrs Thatcher for they admirs her in so many other respects; they would like to trust

Sir, Your report (February 4) on the publication of the European Communities report, EEC-Environment Policy, is very significant. As you say, the Brandt report and the world conservation strategy

ment CoEnCo (Council for Environ-

this field, but few people are aware of this. Two of the most welcome

comes into effect next month, and

in which Stanley Cramp, CoEnGo's former vice-chairman, played such a significant part. At last the mass destruction of migratory birds is outlawed throughout Europe. Furthermore there is provision for the

enhanced protection of habitats.
This is of particular concern now

that we are debating the relevant Bill and I was most encouraged by the terms of your leading article (February 2).

February 11 Looking to the immediate fature. D. N. SENHOR, the commission should now consider St Catharine's Collaboration which ould -otherwise ducing unwanted surpluses could be diverted to compensate farmers and landowners for refraining from activities which would have a detil-

bave: in some committee begun to make people rethink the ways in which they relate to their environmeatal Conservation) strongly supports the suggestion that Europe should prepare a strategy for con-serving its environmental resources. The commission aiready has an impressive record of achievement in greatly welcome a new source of inancial support for their already overstreached resources.

The assumption of the presidency of the Council of Ministers by Britain in July, 1981, will provide us with an approximation of the council of the council of the presidency of the Council of Ministers by Britain in July, 1981, will provide the with an approximation of the council of the president of the council of the council of the council of the council of the president of the council of advances have been the recent ban on commercial imports of whale products and the Directive on the Conservation of Wild Birds, which

us with an opportunity to initiate work on a European strategy and to make further progress, through a third "action programme", in an area which has long been of importunity to this country. ance to this country.

Sir. Your Religious Correspondent, Mr Clifford Longley, in his article on the remarriage of divorced persons (February 6) writes "The rule forbidding the remarriage of divorced persons by the Church of England is unlikely to be successfully challenged in the foreseeable future". If Mr Longley is equating the word "rule" with "law" he is wrong. As the Church of President make laws that are contrary to the law of the land. The facts are:

The facts are:

1. A priest may marry a divorced person if his conscience so directs, providing that the conditions appertaining to all marriages are fulfilled. Although the Church has expressed the wish that a priest will not awail himself of his legal right, the decision is his, and his alone.

2. Although he is not required to do so, a priest may consult his hishop and he will doubtless treat episcopal advice with courteous consideration, but the bishop cannot insist. Why? Because the bishop can only demand obedience in "all things langul and honest". It is not against the law

When Lord Hailsham was in opposition he told us about elective dictatorship. The Lord Chancellor would do well to instruct the Prime Minister on what he meant before she next answers questions in the House on the Dublin summit. Yours sincerely, .

E. S. D. GRAHAM, Chairman, Ulster Young Unionist Council.

3 Glengall Street,

Believe

Prom Mr P. C. Thompson
Sir. Whatever are you at? "Preparations for insurrection and menaces. directed against constitutional authority whitafe the basis of the anion which they are invoked to protect" (leading article. February 7). But if it is the British Government itself which proves to be the enemy of those very principles of constitutionalism, respect for law and order, and the integrity of the kingdom upon which Unionism stands, then preparations for insurrection there must be and menaces against constitutional authority there must be.

And that is not all: if it turns our that Mrs Thatcher's slience about her talks with Mr Haughey conceals for the moment that Mr Haughey's account of those talks is true, then insurrection there will indeed be From Mr P. C. Thompson

indeed be.

It seems incredible that English
politicians can still fail to underpoliticians can still fail to under-stand that Ulsternen are simple and honest people; they have said, so often that the English are bored, that there will not be a united freland, and strangely enough, that is exactly what they mean. No dis-cussions, no deals, no "instinutional" adjustments: in short. No Sur-render, Caunot the English at last understand these plain words? No-arrangement with the South at all, is acceptable, and if Mr Paisley is forced to set up a provisional govforced to set up a provisional government, as Carson did, to prove that he means what he says, then that is what will happen. Yours etc. P. C. THOMPSON,

16 Edgar Street. Worcester. February 7.

From Mr N. J. Mustoe

Sir, May I, as a loyal Englishman, disagree with R. N. Lines (letter, February 11), and say to Mr. Ian Paisley that the surest way to get the support of those living on the mainland in keeping Ulster British in for him to their that Wisterman. is for him to show that Ulstermen are willing to fight for their rights. If Ulstermen won't fight for themselves I am sure I won't. If they will fight, then they deserve

Yours faithfully, N. J. MUSTOE, The Gables Tiverton, Tarporley,

mental effect on wildlife their habitats or the tandscape. One mechanism could be the carry introduction of the proposed European Environment Fund. This would provide a counter-balance to the destroying allocations. destructive elements of the common agricultural policy and could also help statutory agencies and voluntary bodies alike. As a nongovernmental organization, CoEnCo., and its many member budies, would agentic weldoned a new idure of

Yours faithfully, CRAIGTON

Council for Environmental Conservation, Zoological Gardens, Regent's Park, NWL 12.13

The Church and divorce

From Bishop Meroyn Stockwood. Sir, Your Religious Correspondent wrong. As the Church of England is the established Church it cannot

honest": It is not against the law to marry a divorced person.

3. The "conscience clause" that was put into the relevant Act of Parlia-

put into the relevant Act of Parliament was for the benefit, not of those who wished to marry divorced persons, but of those who felt conscientiously unable to do so.

The most that the General Synod can do is to accept without criticism those priests who avail themselves of their legal rights. For instance I have married divorced people from time to time and may do so in the those who wished to marry divorced persons, but of those who felt conscientiously unable to do so.

The most that the General Synod can do is to accept without criticism those priests who avail themselves of their legal rights. For instance filled citizens and sons of God.

I have married divorced people from the church at the goodwill actions have not had the goodwill of the Church at the official level.

Mr Longley suggests that the February 5.

General Synod may seek a compromise by issuing a public service of blessing, to be held after the remarriage in a register office. May I say, in the kindest possible way, this strikes me as phanisaical humbing? If the remarriage of a divorced person is sinful and wrong, how can God be expected to bless the minor? It it is not, then why should the Church frown on a marriage service in a church? And why should the Church of England take such a line when several of its sister churches in the Anglican Communion permit such remarriages in church? Poes it presend to a special revelution on moral issues?

Sir, I am not encouraging permissiveness. I am sure the Church should do everything possible to uphold the sanctity of family life. Perhaps it can best do this by having a fresh look at the main cause of family disruption. Perhaps unemployment and appalling flouring conditions will be high on the lack of self-discipline.

As I reflect on my years in the ministry, it seems that the Church

As I reflect on my years in the ministry, it seems that the Church of England gives to the country the impression of being seriobessed.

On most sexual issues, eg. birth country, divorce, homosexuality the country made on its ministry. the country made up its mind years. ago. What the Church says or does not say today is of small interest, and will make little of no difference.

From the Editor of the National Photographic Record Sir, The chairman of Technicolor Ltd (February 10) has drawn atten-tion to the impermanency of colour-linherent in certain cinematic film stock. It is not generally recognized, however, that the problem extends to most still colour transparencies also, since colour film stock normalist. ally incorporates organic dyes which are susceptible to fading over. e period of years due to the action of light, and certain other factors.

There must be in total, millions of prized colour slides taken by

of prized colour slides taken by amateur photographers holiday snaps and the like which will inevitably fade over the years, much to the surprise and disappointment of their owners. More serious however, is the potential loss of colour in colour photographic archives whose purpose is to preserve an accurage record of objets d'art; buildings, pornaits, furniture, etc., for posterity.

buildings, portraits, furniture, etc., for posteraty.

This problem was highlighted at a Royal Photographic Society Symposium on. The conservation of colour photographic records which was held at the Victoria and Albert Museum in September, 1973. It was then apparent that whilst certain precautions could be taken to minimize fading, the most effective measure is to convert a colour transparency into three constituent separation negatives, from which a facsimile of the original can readily facsimile of the original can readily be reconstituted with negligible loss of quality. The black and white separations are virtually permanent, and cost together little more than the original colour film. more than the original colour film.

If they have not already done so, constors of colour photographic archives would be well advised to convert their existing stock to separation negatives as soon as possible. It is to be hoped that a national photographic archive will be speedily established and that it will address itself to this problem as one of its first priorities.

Yours sincerely, Kinganton, 46 The Meadows, Sedgefield, Stockton on Tees, Cieveland

Prince Philip's speech

February 11.

From the Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University and others

Sir, Your report (February 10) of
the Mountbatten Memorial Lecture
by his Royal Highness Prince Philip,
given at the Cambridge Union on
Monday night, may have misled
some of your readers. This lecture
was concerned with the life and
achievements of Lord Mountbatten,
not nuclear weapons.

The statement which you printed
was in enswer to 4 question from
the floor after the lecture. Prince
Philip added that he was in favour
of multilateral nuclear disarmament,
but this sentence did not appear in bridge University and others

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Yours truly, PETER SWINNERTON DYER. ALAN COTTRELL, J.H. PLUMB,

St Catharine's College_Cambridge.

J. Marinesty and State of the second MEPs' spending

From Mr Teddy Taylor, MP for Southend East (Conservative)
Sir, Sir Fred Catherwood's letter today (February 10) on recent publicity about tours by members of the European Assembly does not deal with the aspect which causes greatest concern, It is certainly true that some have mestioned the need that some have questioned the need for the substantial number of tours for the substantial number of toms by Euro MPs, bearing in mind that the Strasbourg Assembly has no foreign affairs or defence function whatsoever and only a limited right to consultation on trade issues. But the real objection which has been voiced over the Euro tours relates to the rost and appearent extravarance

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voiced over the Euro tours relates to the cost and apparent extravagance of the yentures.

At a time when there is wide-spread memployment and consider-eble hardship throughout Europe, there is surely an obligation on elected representatives who control their own budgets to exercise the maximum degree of prudence and economy.

maximum degree of prudence and economy.

Mrs Thercher has set a splendid example in the case of our own Government and Parliament. The recent example of the traditional dinner at Downing Street before the Queen's Speech when the ministers were asked to pay themselves instead of adding to public expenditure may have only saved a few hundred pounds; but surely it is the right example at a time of hardship and restraint.

A select committee of British MPs was advised in November by one of nour Treasury ministers that there is a gentleman's agreement whereby the Council of Ministers does not question the spending of the Euro Assembly. Surely this lack of external control places a special obligation on Sir Fred and his colleagues to exercise the degree of prudence

to exercise the degree of prudence which taxpayers are entitled to expect from a responsible body.
Yours sincerely,
TEDDY TAYLOR,
House of Commons,

Voice from the past

Sir, RSM Brittain's powers of observation were not infallible. During the later stages of the Mons course we were allowed to use bicycles for

moving around the came, but as the millitary issue was insufficient some of is used our own.

One day I took a short cut, cycling past RSM Brittain's house, and then bumping the bicycle up and down some kerbstness. From behind his garden hedge the voice sum-moned me back and I was charac-teristically rebuked for mistrearing

teristically rebuked for masses, whilefary property.

Hesitatingly I explained that the broycle was my own. This information had no visible effect. Ha paused but momentarily and then continued: "You were also damaging the kerbs."!

Yours etc.
DAVID COOPER,
38 West Street.
Harrowon the Hill.
February 5,





COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 12: His Excellency Mr Ghazi Mohammad Amin Al-Rayes was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predeces-sor and his own Letters of Cred-ence as Ambassador Extraordinary

and Plenipotentiary from the State of Kuwait to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied the

by the following Members of the Embassy who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Mr Hamed M. Al-Saidan (Second Secretary), Mr Naser A. Behbehani (Attaché), Mr Khalid A. Al-Khashd (Attaché), Mr Ibrahim A. Al-Muhanna (Counsellor), Mr Ali Al-Mumin (Attaché), Mr Ali S. Al-Adzani (Attaché), Mr Saleh M. Al-Madhekah (Attaché) and Mr Abdul Razaq Al-Salah (Attaché). Madame Al-Rayes had the honour of being received by The Queen.

John Graham (Deputy Under-Secretary of State for For-eign and Commonwealth Affairs) who had the honour of being re-ceived by Her Majesty was present, and the Gentlemen of the House-hold in Waiting were in attendance.

His Excellence Mr Rashid

attendance.

His Excellency Mr Rashid Mohammed Al-Khater was received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordicary and Planinotentiary for ordinary and Plenipotentiary from the State of Qatar to the Court of St James's. The Right Hon Francis Pym, MP

(Chancellor of the Duchy of Lan-caster) had an audience of Her

Majesty.

The Queen gave a Reception this evening for winners of The Queen's Awards for Export and Technology in 1980 at which The Prince of Wales and The Duke of Clourester were present. Goucester were present.

The Duke of Edinburgh attended the Funeral of Queen Frederika of The Rellenes which was held at Tatol, near Athens, today.

His Royal Highness travelled in

an aircraft of The Queen's Flight. The Prince of Wales this morn-ing attended a briefing for field Marshals at the Ministry of Defence. Major John Winter was in The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Corps of Signals, this afternoon

Today's engagements The Queen opens two-millionth house built under National House-Building Council scheme, Buckingham Road, Hampton, Middlesex, 2.45.
The Duke of Edinburgh, as Chancellor of Salford University, visits university and attends annual court meeting 10.

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Lectures: Women on television:
out of focus? Helen Eachr, New
Gallery, Regent Street, 12.30;
Celebes: the first Surrealist
painting? Gabriello Keiller, Tats
Gallery, 1; Niccolo dell'Abata:
the story of Aristaeus, Audrey
Tyndall, National Gallery, 1;
Classical terracottas: technique
and purpose, Patsy Vanaga,
British Museum 11.30; Land of
rulk and honey, David Williams,
Eritish Museum, 1.15 British Museum, 1.15 Crofts Dog Show, Earls Court.

Memorial concert

A concert in memory of Viscount Chandos will be given by Dame Trevor Pinnock and a section of the English Chamber Orchestra at 7.30 on Tuesday, May 12, at Holy Trinity Church, Sloans Street, SW1, Proceeds will go to charities for kidney patients, inquiries should be made to Box 866, London W12 7BU.



Bravery recognized: Aircraftman Roger Clarkson, aged 18, the youngest of a group of airmen who received awards yesterday at RAF Uxbridge, where they saved dozens of their colleagues from a potentially huge bomb explosion.

Mr M. Vaughan-Lee and Mrs C. Bateman

The marriage took place quietly on February 12 between Mr Mark Vaughan-Lee and Mrs Caroline Bateman.

A remarkable relationship has

evolved between a herb, the

tropical ginger (Costus wood-

somi), and two species of ant. In

exchange for nectar specially

secreted from outside the flowers,

the ants protect the plant from

the depradations of fly larvae. One species, the larger of the two, chases away flies whenever they

the ants protect the plant from the depradations of fly larvae. One species, the larger of the two, chases away flies whenever they attempt to land on the plant to lay eggs and the smaller species (Wassmania auropunctata) in the wet season during the relationship. January to May, and the smaller species (Wassmania auropunctata) in the wet season during the remainder of the year. Wassmania seems to be much superior in defending the plant, for during the plant from reproducing.

That conclusion was reached from a series of experiments carried out in Panama by Dr Dr. W. Schemske, of the University of Chicago. Although a mimber of plant species are thought to be protected by ants this is the first time that it has been possible to quantify the advantages of the relationship.

The tropical ginger grows to one or two werestall and is the plant and the small defenders.

advantages of the relationship.

The tropical ginger grows to one or two metres tall and is found along the sand beaches of the Atlantic Coast from Costa Rica to Columbia. In his experimental area Dr Schenske ringed the stems of some of the plants with insect repellant to stop ants with insect repellant to stop ants of the plants than commared anti-free plants than on anti-pro-

visiting them. He then compared ant-free plants than on ant-pro-the damage done by the fly (a tected plants) suggesting that the species of Euxcsto) to plants with fly has developed a specific avoid-

Buckingham Palace received at Buckingham Palace received Major-General A. J. Jackson (Representative Colonel Com-mandant, Royal Corps of Signals,

mandant, Royal Corps of Signals, for 1981).

Her Royal Highness this evening attended the world première of the film Little Lord Fauntieroy, in aid of the British Red Cross Society and The Princess Anne's Charities, at the Classic Cinema, Haymarket.

Mrs Malcolm Innes was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE February 12: Queen Elizabeth
The Queen Mother this morning
received Sir Henry McDowell
(Chancellor of the University of
Zimbabwe), Mr J. D. Cameron
(Chairman of the Council) and
Professor J. Lewis (Principal and

Vice-Chancellor).
Subsequently the Chancellor
conferred on Her Majesty the
Degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this evening at a Reception given by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons at St James's Palace.
The Lady Elizabeth Bassett and Captain Alastair Aird were in

KENSINGTON PALACE February 12: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President of the Girl Guides Associa sident of the Gri Guides Association, was present this afternoon
at a Service held in Westminster
Abbey for the Dedication of a
Memorial to Robert, Lord BadenPowell, Chief Scott of the World,
and Olave, Lady Baden-Powell,
World Chief Guide.
The Lady Juliet Townsend was
in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE February 12: The Duchess of Gloucester was present this even-ing at a Benefit Performance of Hollday on Ice given for the London Union of Youth Clubs at Wembely Arena.
The Hon Mrs Munro was in uttendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE February 12: Princess Alexandra and the Hon Angus Ogilvy this evening received the Prime Minister of Mauritius and Lady

The Duke of Edinburgh, as an honorary member of the Smeatonian Society of Civil Engineers, will lunch with members of the society at the Institution of Civil Engineers, 1-7 Great George Street, on February 25.

Birthdays today

Lieutenami-General Sir Roger Bower, 78: Earl Cadogan, 67; Professor Dame Helen Gardner, 73; Colonel Sir Douglas Glover, 73; Sir Neville Pearson, 83; Mr John Peyton, MP, 62: Mr Francis Pym, MP, 59; Mr Georges Simenon, 78; Professor Lord Stamp, 74.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr 5. Featherstone
and Miss G. T. Salisbury
The sugagement is announced
between Simon, youngest son of
Mr and Mrs David Featherstone, of
Haling Park, south Croydon, and
Gail, daughter of Mr and Mrs
Dennis Salisbury, of Worle, Avon.

Mr B. Lee and Miss J. Macpherson of Cluny The engagement is announced between Bruce Lee, of New York, and Janetta, youngest daughter of the late Cameron Macpherson of Cluny and of Mrs Cameron Macpherson of Cluny, Barns House, South Cadbury, Yeovil, Somerser.

Dr T. M. Loosemore and Miss A. Owens the engagement is announced between Thomas Mark, only son of the late Mr Gordon Loosemore, MChir. FRCS, and Mrs Mary Loosemora, of Watford, Hertfordshire, and Alison, younger

daughter of Mr and Mrs F. E Owens, of Kingston, Surrey. Mr P. J. McCann and Dr M. A. McKeagne The engagement is announced between Peter, eldest son of Mrs A. C. McCann of Grosvenor Mews,

A. C. McCann of Grovenor mews, Lymington, Hampshire, and the late Mr J. A. McCann, FRCS, of Serion Park, Liverpool, and Margaret Ann, eldest daughter of Mrs M. McKeagne, of Maghera, co Derry, and the late Mr J. McKeagne.

Mr N. Richmond Miss S. J. Wilson the engagement is announced between Nigel, only son of Mr M. Richmond, of Waterloo Road, Birkdale, and Sally Jo. only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. W. Wilson, of Granton Close, Formby.

Marriages

Mr R. A. Stormonth-Darling and Mrs C. M. Brooke The marriage took place in Lon-don yesterday between Mr Robin Stormonth-Darling and Mrs Carola Darling and Mrs Carola Brooke, daughter of Sir Robert and Lady Erskine-Hill.

Mr S. G. Beaumont
and Mrs M. G. Douglas
The marriage has taken place of
Mr Stephen Beaumont, of Wakefield, and Mrs Marjorie Gordon
Douglas, late of Shalbourne and
Hexbam.

Science report

Ecology: Ants defend nectar supply

of the year, the larger species (Camponotus planatus) is dominant in the dry season from

Photograph by Bill Warnurs

Royal painting: The new portrait of the Prince of Wales by Bryan Organ (right)

Lawrence Gowing, head of the Slade School (left). It went on show to the public at the after its unveiling yesterday by Professor National Portrait Gallery in London.

Luncheon Commonwealth Parliamentary

Association

Sir Nigel Fisher, deputy chairman of the Umited Kingdom branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, and Mr Ernest Armstrong, MP, were hosts at a luncheon given by the executive committee at the House of Commons yesterday in honour of the Prime Minister of Mauritius, Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam; and Lady Ramgoolam. Others present included:

The Histo Commissioner for Mauritius and Histo Teelock. Sir Verrasumy and Lady Rimandoo, Sir Harold and Lady Watter and Lady Fisher.

Dinners

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister and Mr Dems
Thatcher were hosts at a dinner
held at 10 Downing Street yesterday in honour of the Prime
Minister of Mauritius and Lady
Ramgoolam. The other guests
were:
Sir Veetasamy and Laty Ringadoo, Str
Harold and Lady Waiter, the High
Commissioner for Mauritius and Lady
Teelock, Mr B. Ghoorah, Mr U.
Gopaul, Dr and Mrs Navin Ramgoolam,
Miss. Sunita Ramgoolam; Sir Ian
Gilmour, MP, and Lady Caroline
Gilmour, MP, and Greater, MP,
Earl and Countess Boyd of Merion, Lord
and Viscountess Boyd of Merion, Lord
and Lady Greenwood of Rosendain,
MF, and Mrs Mason, Sir James and
Lady Lighthiti, Sir Nivel Fisher, MP,
and Lady Fisher, Sir Austin and Lady
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The chairman of the GLC and Mrs Brook-Partridge emergined the following at dinner after attending a concert at the Festival Hall,

Rakers' Company Sir Charles Taylor. Master of for Bakers' Company, presided, assis-ted by the wardens, at a court dinner held at Buck's Club yesterday.

Hunterian Society
The Hunterian Society held their
annual dinner at the Savoy Hotel
yesterday. Dr David Morris, president, was in the chair and the principal guests included the Lord Chief Justice, and Mrs C.

Tallow Chandlers' Company
The Tallow Chandlers' Company
held a livery dinner at their hall
last night at which the Master,

HM. Government

The Earl of Mansfield and Mansfield, Minister of State, Scottish Office, and the Countess of Mansfield, entertained at dinner at Hilton hotel. The guest of bonour Edinburgh Castle last night a way Mr A. R. N. Ratcliff. Presidelegation from the National People's Congress of China, on the occasion of their visit to Scots land.

Society of Investment Analysts

The Society of Investment Analysts

The Manysts held their twenty-fifth annual dinner last night at the twenty-fifth way Mr A. R. N. Ratcliff. President of the Institute of Atmarles.

The Chairman of the society, Mr D. C. Damant, presided.

Receptions Royal College of Veterinary

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother was present at a reception in St James's Palace, given by the president and officers of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, yesterday evening to commonate the centenary of the first Veterinary Surgeons Act, 1881. Among other guests present were:
Viscount Leverhalme, Sir Hugh Fraser, Sir Brish and Lady Huges, Sir Mark and Lady Tennant, Sir Fired Pontin, Mrany Greenway, MP, and Mrs Greenway, Wr Markos Kimball, MP, and Mrs Kimball and Mr Michael Mates, MP.

Chicago University
Sir Robert Shone, president of the
Chicago Alumni Association, London, was host at a reception held
at London House yesterday evening. Professor William McNeill,
of Chicago, the George Eastman
visiting professor at Oxford University, and Mrs McNeill were the
principal guests.

principal guests. Association of Accounting

last night at which the Master, Mr N. H. M. Auderson, presided. Other speakers included Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran, Sir Kenneth Holland and the Prime Warden of the Dyers' Company. Among other guests present were:

Lord Drumanbya, Major General J. H. Simpson, Mr Deputy H. W. S. Berlock and the Master Mariners' Company.

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James Joyce on record fetches £300

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent

A literary curiosity came up for sale in Somerset yesterday, an early His Masters Voice record of James Joyce reading his work Anna Livia Plurabello (later included in Finnegan's Wake). Joyce was very shortsighted and the 10 specially prepared cards with the

University news

Cardiff colleges

University College and the University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology, both in

Cardiff, are to consider merging.

Dr A. F. Trotman-Dickenson, Principal of UWIST, and Dr C. W.

L. Bevan, the Principal of University College, have agreed "that UCC should examine whether it wished to issue an invitation to

The nectar is very concentrated (30 per cent to 50 per cent sugar)

and is rich in amino acids but, because it is secreted at a low rate, it is much more attractive to

the smaller species than to the larger. Other species of Costus produce larger nectar flows and attract ants with larger workers.

Despite the obvious benefits of

ant protection to Costus wood-sonti, an important question re-

mains: what, in general, are the costs and benefits of ant protec-

tion compared with chemical pro-

stances in the plant tissues) or protection by special structures (spines, for example)? As herbi-

vores can often evolve detoxifica-

tion systems which "crack" chemical defences and as changes

in behaviour can circumvent struc-tural defences, ant defenders may perhaps provide a particularly

stable defence system. Only a comparative study of many dif-ferent species will provide a full

answer.
Source: Journal of Ecology (vol 63, page 959) 1981.
ONature-Times News Service, 1981.

may merge

and without the protection of ants.

During a period of one year the plants protected by ants produced three times as many seeds as unprotected plants.

The two species of ants are most common at different times of the year, the larger species

the council of UWIST to operate as a single university institution ".

Oxford
Professor D. F. Hendry, MA
(Abrdn), MSc. PhD (London),
Professor of Econometrics, London School of Economics and Political Science has been appointed

Flections

SOMERVILLE COLLEGE: Mass L. S.
Devison, of His Road Sixth Form
College, Cambridge, Isabel Lieweiter
Rhys exhibition in ancient and modern
history.

From The Times of Monday, Fcb.

From Our Special Correspondent

From Our Special Correspondent
Moscow, Feb 12.—The missing
former British diplomatists, Guy
Burgess and Donald Maclean,
showed themselves briefly on Saburday to several Soviet and
British journalists, thus confurning reports that they went to
Moscow when they disappeared
from Whitehall. There is substantial reason to believe that it
was decided to produce the two
men at this time in anticipation
of the visit to England by Marshal
Bulgamin and Mr Khrushchev,
which is tentatively fixed for April.
It was learned on good authority

which is tentatively fixed for April.
It was learned on good authority
that the Soviet leaders had been
advised that their sincerity might
be doubted in Britain so long as
Russia continued to insist that
nothing was known about the
mussing pair.

Miss Dulcie Christine Moorhouse,

of Helston, Cornwall, left estate valued at £160,203 net. After

Other estates include (net. before

Latest wills

professor of economics

25 years ago

on show

Burgess, Maclean

cards in a dimity lit recording studio at the Orthological Institute but required the extra help of a whispering prompter.

The record, in good condition, and the cards sold for £300 (estimate £200.£400). The lot was among the papers of C. K. Ogden, the distinguished Cambridge don, sold on behalf of the Orthological In London yesterday Sotheby's specially prepared cards with the Institute. The book and manu-ext written out in large lettering script sale, at Lawrence's of script sale, at Lawrence's of Crewkerne, made £33,066, with 4 Joyce attempted to read the

with 4: per cent unsold. Blaeu's atlas of Italy, published in four volumes in 1704-05 brought the top price at 87,000 francs (estimate 30,000-50,000 francs) or £7,552.

In London resterday Sotheby's sold gold boxes and European and South American silver for a total of £193,730, with 13 per cent unsold.

Minister rejects advice on export of Codex By Kenneth Gosling

Arts Reporter Because there is little likelihood that any public collection will launch an appeal to keep the Leonardo manuscript known as the Leicester Codex in this country, Mr Paul Channon, Minister for the Arts, has decided that the export licence will be withheld for

only one month.

In doing so he has taken the rare step of overturning a recommendation by the Reviewing Committee on the Export of Works of Art, which recommended last month that as the Codex was an item of national importance fis licence should be suspended for three months. The manuscript was bought at Christie's last December by Dr Armand Hammer for £2.4m.

It was sent for sale by the trustre of the Holkham Estate. A statement yesterday by the Office of Aris and Libraries said Mr Chaunon had taken into account information available to him and the result of particular inquiries made both before and after the sale about the prospects of a public collection seeking to acquire the Codex.

The Codex goes on display at the Royal Academy in London in July after being remounted at Windsor Castle.

Two medals for mine rescue

Two tin mine officials who helped Two tin mine officials who helped to rescue two miners buried alive after a rock fall last year are to receive the Queen's Gallantry Medal. They are Mr Stephen Ausworth, aged 30. shift boss, and Mr Alan Brewer, aged 48, mice captain, of Geevor Tin Mines, at Pendeen, Gornwall.

Medals are also awarded for personal bequests she left the residue between the RSPCA, RSPB and Christain Aid. Other estates measure.

tax pand):

Brodte, Mr Lestie James, of
Chipping Campden, Gloucester
£241,242
Chambers, Mr Hector James, of
Tack Bergholt, Essex . £234,482
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Pendeen, Cornwall.

Medals are also awarded for gallantry, in Northern Ireland to two constables of the Royal Uster Constabulary, Mr William Brown (posthumous) and Mr William White. Chambers, Mr Hector 234,482
East Bergholt, Essex ... £234,482
Gray, Mr Charies, of Holland-onSea. Essex holiday camp pro£460,102

OBITUARY

ADMIRAL OF THE FLEET LORD FRASER OF NORTH CAPE

Outstanding contribution to the naval war effort

Navy into its postwar shape as he had played in its vast expan-sion between 1939 and 1942.

Bruce Austin Fraser was born at Acton on February 5, 1888. He joined the training ship Britannia in 1902, and went to

sea as a midshipman two years later. After serving in the battleship Prince George 1905-7

he was promoted sub-lieutenant,

and in the subsequent courses for the rank of lieutenant he

gained first-class certificates in

all six subjects. In March 1908

he was promoted lieutenant, and served in that rank in the

cruisers Lancaster in the Medi-terranean and Boadicea at home.

In 1911 he joined the gunnery school Excellent at Portsmouth to qualify as specialist, and won the Commander Egerton prize for the best results in his

course. He went next to the RN

College, Greenwich to undertake

advanced studies in the same

In August 1914 Fraser joined the cruiser Minerva on the mobilization of the Navy, and

remained in her for nearly two years as gunnery officer. In 1916 he was appointed in the same

ne was appointed in the same capacity to the new bartleship Resolution, and it was while serving in her that he was promoted Commander on June 30, 1919 at the very early age of 31. In the same year he was awarded an OBE (Military) for

his services while in the Resolu-tion. Fraser next joined the

naval expedition sent to the Caspian Sea during the War of Intervention in Russia of 1919-

20, but was captured by the Bolsheviks and imprisoned. This experience caused some appre-

and apparently enjoyed enter-

taining their erstwhile prisoner.

In November 1920 Fraser was

released under an arrangement for exchange of prisoners and returned home by a roundabout

route. Fraser's next appointment

was to the Naval Ordnance Department of the Admiralty from 1922-4, during which he earned the commendation of the

Board of Admiralty for his work on the new fire control instal-lations then being designed. At the end of 1924 he returned to

the Mediterraean as Fleet Gun-

nery Officer in the flagships

Admiral of the Fleet Lord Fraser of North Cape, GCB, KBE, who died yesterday at the age of 93, had a highly distinguished career, afloat and on shore, during and after the last war.

In March 1939 he recalled from the Mediter-ranean Fleet, where he had been serving as Chief of Staff to Admiral Sir Dudley Pound, the Commander-in-Chief, to take over the office of Third Sea Lord and Controller, with responsibility for all the material of the Navy, which had unexpectedly fallen vacant through the illness of Admiral Sir Reginald Henderson, Fraser took over that exacting post at a very difficult time, when war was plainly approaching and the service was suffering from the consequences of the long period of financial stringency. True, large building programmes had been approved in 1937 and 1938; but hardly any of those ships had been commissioned when war broke out in September 1939.

Fraser not only held the chief responsibility for expediting the prewar pro-grammes, but he had to initiate the enormous War Emergency Programmes which quickly fol-lowed. This taxed the ship-building and engineering industries to the limit, and acute shortages quickly became apparent in every direction. Fraser's calmness and good humour did much to surmount the recurrent crises which arose. He not only maintained excellent relations with the shipbuilders, engineers and scientists who were struggling to meet the Navy's needs, but quickly won the confidence of the First Lord, Winston Churchill. Churchill.

In June 1942 Fraser, now a Vice-Admiral, returned to sea in command of the Second Battle Squadron of the Home Fleet, and as second-in-command to Admiral Sir John Tovey, Just under a year later he succeeded Tovey as Com-mander-in-Chief, and it was in that capacity that he conducted the operations in the twilight of an Arctic midwinter day which an Arctic midwinter day which ended in the sinking of the German bartleship Scharnhorst on December 26, 1943. Fraser's flagship, the battleship Duke of York, played the leading part in that battle.

In that pattle.

On the resignation of the First Sea Lord, Admiral Sir Dudley Pound, due to ill health in October 1943 Churchill first offered the post to Admiral Fraser. He however replied that although he believed he had the confidence of his own fleer Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham "has that of the whole fleet Admiral Sir Andrew Cun-ningham "has that of the whole Navy", Churchill has com-mented that Fraser's "attitude was most becoming", and Cun-ningham accordingly became First Sea Lord.

In August 1944 Fraser took over command of the Eastern Fleet from Admiral Sir James Somerville, and at once began to implement the government's plan to send most of the Royal Navy to join hands with the Americans in the Pacific for the final phase of the war against Japan. In November 1944 he hoisted his flag as Commander-in-Chief, British Pacific Fleet, and at once established excellent relations with Admiral Chester Nimitz, USN, the C-in-C Pacific. The problems involved in operating a large fleer in the north-west Pacific, when its main base was many thousands of miles away at Sydney, were difficult in the extreme. But Fraser and his subordinates overcame them successfully, with some help from the Americans, and in March 1945 a report was made to Nimitz that the fleet was

ready for terurn.
Fraser found it essential to fly his flag ashore in Australia during the ensuing operations for the capture of Okinawa and against the Japanese mainland; In June 1926 he was promoted. Captain, and then took the senior officers' technical course. In the following year he was appointed head of the Tactical Section of the Naval Staff. His next appointment was to com-mand the cruiser Effingham flagship of the East Indie, Station, then commanded by Vice-Admiral B. S. Thesiger After nearly three years (1920 32) in the East Indies he returned to the Naval Ordnance Department as its Director from 1933-36. In March 1936 he left White

hall to take command of th eircraft carvier Glorious, In the appointment he served also a-Chief Staff Officer to Rear Admiral B. Rawlings, the Ac miral Commanding Aircra Carriers. This was the tim when naval aviation was makin but he signed the formal instrument of surrender by Japan on behalf of the British government in Tokyo Bay on September 2, 1945. In the final phase of his command in the Pacific his fleer devoted its whole timely if tardy strides in th Royal Navy, and the appoint ment of an outstanding office newest ship of her class was a indication of the important, energies to the rescue and re-cuperation of Allied prisoners-of war, and to carrying food and medical supplies to the starv-ing people of that vast theatre. In May 1947 Fraser hoisted his flag as Commander-in-Chief, Portsmouth, but fifteen months later the office of First Sea Lord fell vacant through the re-tirement of Admiral Sir John Cunningham. This time Fraser into the splendid fighting i had no scruples about accept-ing the highest post his service had to offer, and he remained in it until his retirement in 1952. He thus played as large a part in the transition of the strument which Admiral S Andrew Cunningham was wield so effectively from 193 The illness and untime death of the First Sea Lord, A miral Sir Roger Backhous caused the recall of Admir

Pound from the Mediterranes shortly before the outbreak war in 1939, and at about the same time Admiral Fraser we brought home to take over the office of Controller and This Sea Lord. This double, ar quite unexpected, change in to of the highest offices of ti Admiralty came at a most u fortunate moment: but the can be no question that Fras was an outstandingly successf Controller. In May 1940 he w controller. In May 1940 he w promoted Vice-Admiral, and the following year he was mar K.B.E. His term as second-command, Home Fleet, duri-which he flew his flag: cruisers, an aircraft carrier at a battleship from June 1942. May 1943, was an invalue introduction to the rigorous ar difficulties involved in condu ing prolonged operations in the far north; for the passage the supply convoys to Mi mansk and Archangel was the the heaviest responsibili placed on the Home Fleet. Th experience served Fraser ve well when after he bad becor Commander-in-Chief in M 1943, he had to plan and co duct the complicated operation of covering large homeway when attack by the Scharnburg and other German warship stationed in Altenfiord in non Norway was expected hourly. Fraser, unlike some Britis senior officers, established a cellent relations with the Ru sians at Murmansk; and the own accounts of his visits she that his frank and friend. hension among his staff when in 1943 he visited Murmansk as Commander-in-Chief, Home Fleet. But the local Russian authorities knew all about it, and apparently enjayed actors. taken command of the Briti Pacific Fleet in November 194 He was made KCB in June 19 and GCB for the sinking of t Scharnborst. In the 1946 No Year Honours a Barony was co title from the remote prometory in north Norway off whi he had fought and sunk ! Scharnhorst three years early In addition to his Briti honours the governments of the United States, USSR, Norward Holland all bestowed bis or the state of the stat decorations on Fraser, Honora

Fraser was unmarried. Queen Elizabeth and Warspite. PROFESSOR G. M. EDINGTON

Edington died on January 25 at University College Hospital, London, after a long illness borne with characteristic forti-

After a brilliant educational career in Glasgow, where he was born on April 18, 1916, he joined the Royal Army Medical Corps in 1941 and was posted to the Royal West African Frontier force in Bengal and later in the Arakan. This aroused an interest in tropical medicine which was to domi-nate the rest of his life. After demobilisatoin he decided to go to West Africa;

his first posting was to Takoradi hospital where he was a successful and popular clinician. He took the DTM and H in the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in the winter of 1948-9. On his return to West Africa he gave up a lucrative career as a clinician to become pathologist at the Medical Research Institute in Accra. His work there was the beginning of his research career in West Africa. He was appointed director of the institute and soon showed his abilities for calm and fair administration which was later so much appreciated in Nigeria. He was responsible, together with Dr M. H. Hughes, for rais-

ing the Institute for Medical Research, from a laboratory carrying out routine tests to a centre of active research into . Major-General Henry Robinson Swinburn, CB, OBE, MC,

who died on January 27 at the age of 83, was Military Secretary, GHQ, India, 1946-47 and Counsellor, UK High Commission, Indian, 1948-49.

Mr Bill Simpson, MBE, Vice chairman of Oxfordshire County Council and a former Lord Mayor of Oxford, died on January 22, aged 61.

Professor George Miller many aspects of medical prob- was an acknowledged world lems in West Africa. His man pert. field of interest was the In addition to the administration of his department, he will be too of his department.

cell disease, but he gained a wide experience of general pathology in West Africa which was to be the foundation of much of his later work. On the practical side he did much to develop blood transfusion in develop blood transfusion Ghana and was made a life member of the British Red Cross. When he left Ghana in 1956 he had the satisfaction of knowing that the Institute for Medical Research in Accra had regained the international reputation that it had enjoyed in the days of Young and Noguchi, After only a few months in

England, he accepted an invita-tion to the Chair of Pathology at the University of Ibadan. This was the most productive period of his life. He built up a department of pathology acknowledged to be one of the best in Africa; he carefully nurtured the careers of several Nigerian pathologists to whom he was able to hand over a flourishing department. In collaboration with Professor H. M. Gilles, he wrote Pathology in the Tropics which has become the standard textbook on the subject. In addition, he followed many research interests producing innumerable scientific papers in the fields of the abnormal haemoglobin, malaria, schistosomiasis, heart disease, renal disease, liver disease, and cancer in which he

Lady Wolfson, wife of Sir Isaac Wolfson, Bt. died on January 7. She was Edith, daughter of Ralph Specterman, and she was married in 1926.

Lady Eaton, widow of Colonel Sir Richard Eaton, died on February 1. She was Stella, daughter of W. C. Michell, of Mentone, France, and she married Sir Richard Eaton as his second wife in 1937. He died in 1942.

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by the universities of Oxfo.

Edinburgh and Wales.

tion of his department, he subsequently appointed Described Provided Provid Nigeria. He was appointed C in 1969 and was awarded Honorary DSc by the University of Ibadan for his outstand services to the University.
Instead of returning to 14 routine jobs in the United Kin dom, he once again humby

accepted the challenge to bu up a department of pathology on the recently establish the recently establish
Ahmadu Bello University
Zaria. Having achieved this. moved on to his final assifounded the College of Medi Sciences. His commitment Maiduguri was characteris and absolute and he lived k ment in Maiduguri where enough to see that clini teaching had started in the nascent medical school.

In addition to his work Nigeria, he was in great dema as a consultant or chairman meetings all over the world. F World Health Organization, a wrote chapters in many te books.

He married, in 1949, Mi Jane, daughter of William Ha ilton: she was an insepara

Mr Denis Edward Berna Range Kingdom Peris Carr, United Kingdom Pers nent delegate to Unesco, di on January 10 in a Lond hospital. He was 60.

Brigadier Leslie Harris 15.1 McRobert, CBE, who died February 3 at the age of 82, v 11.5 chairman of Cerchos Lite. 11 associated companies. He will high Sheriff of co Durba 12 to 1954-55.

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BUSINESS NEWS

Stock markets FT Ind 490.0 up 3.7

FT Gilts 69.07 down 0.03 ■ Sterling

52.3160 down 215 points Index 104.3 up 0.1

Index 100.3 up 0.9 DM 2.1815 up 338 pts

■ Gold

\$486.50 down \$14 Money

> 3 month sterling 131-13% 3 month Euro \$ 1814-1718 6 month Euro \$ 18-172

- IN BRIEF

Fraser statement on Lonrho bid today

Fraser, former hairman of the House of raser, is expected to make his wn statement on Lonrbo's 158m takeover bid for the comiany later today.

Under the City's code on takevers, all directors of a com-vary receiving a bid are re-juired to make known their iews. This is usually done in a :ollective statement, but the raser board is divided.

Although Sir Hugh was ousted is Fraser chairman at a board neeting three weeks ago, he emains a director. He was rorking on the statement with is lawyers last night and, with be approval of the Take ver anel, should release it this ifternoon.

The Fraser Trusts, of which te is a trustee, hold about 3.5 per cent of Fraser shares and is he largest single holder after Courno, which now holds just under 30 per cent.

BNOC share ofter

The Government is expected o offer to the public shares in be British National Oil Cororation and to issue about 500m of "revenue bonds" railable over Post Office counaced by Mr David Howell, the cretary of State for Energy. Wider role, page 18

mperial profits down

Pretax profits of the Imperial roup, the tobacco, drinks and conglomerate slumped 15.4m to £126.9m in the year to ctober 31. But the group's iares added 2p to 81p yester-ay on news of maintained diviends totalling 10.36p gross for ie year.

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oundry plea

A call to the British Steel orporation to reconsider its erision to close the Distington agot Mould Foundry in Cumria has been made in a report roduced jointly by manage-tent and unious at the plant n the grounds that closure rould cost the corporation as such as £6m more than eeping it open.

enerator order

GEC has won a £29m order supply two 375-megawatt Irbine generators to Calgary ower in Canada. The company on the contract egainst com etition from Japan, which applied the first generation of irbines to the Canadian group.

ire costs up

Fire damage last year cost isurers an estimated £469.3m increase of almost a third ver the previous year, accord-ig to British Insurance ssociation figures.

teel output higher

Crude steel production from te public and private sectors ose by 5.5 per cent last month ompared with December. The verage weekly output was 35,300 tonnes.

lises

Vall Street lower The Dow Jones industrial verage closed 5.89 points down 936.60. The S=SDR was 23108. The £ was 0.529656.

London and Bonn plan to UDT bid sealed by Savings Banks eliminate all European steel subsidies by 1984

Industrial Editor

Britain is expected to propose a strict timetable for the elimi-nation of state subsidies to the

European steel industry at a ministerial meeting in Brussels early next month, Ministers are likely to advocate a comprehensive package of measures directed towards eliminating all constraints steel calcidles by the operating steel subsidies by the end of 1984.

This objective will be buttressed by an extension of the "manifest crisis" provisions of the Treaty of Paris beyond the end of june for an 18 mouth period, in the absence of a workable voluntary system of controls. The Government will also propose an extension of a formal decision agreed a year ago laying down rules for specific aids to the steel industry to the end of 1983.

The United Kingdom repre-sentations will also include a proposal for the establishment of a working group, bringing together representatives of member states and the Com-mission, which would be charged with monitoring progress towards meeting objectives and securing a greater degree of "transparency" in dealings between governments and their respective steel indus-

The outline proposals now being considered by ministers are much in line with West German Government thinking, but have particular significance since the United Kingdom will assume the presidency of the Community in June this year and will be in a key position to influence the course of discussions over the problems of the steel industry.

Loan plea

by Italian

steelmaker

be for Italsider. Signor Mario

Costa, chairman and Signor

managing

Sergio Magliola, managing director, told a Press confer-

ence at Italsider's biggest works

at Taranto that if this money

were not made svallable in time, "there would be no other way our but fallure or liquida-

The two bave replaced Signor

Ambrogio Puri, who resigned as joint holder of both posts

last month in protest at what he maintained was lack of gov-

ernment support for Italsider's

Lir500,00m against a loss of Lir259,000m in 1979.

The company, the two managers said, had debts of over Lir4,000,000m (£1.670m). An

important aim was to cut the

burden of debt servicing and other financial charges from

15 per cent to 5 per cent of

The dollar surged forward

yesterday on a wave of optimism about the prospects for the

It gained against all the lead-

ing currencies, rising 3.38 prennies to close at DM2.1815 and up 2.15 cents against the pound to finish at \$2.3160. Gold

fell sharply in response to the firmer dollar, down \$14 at

The dollar's strength was

based primarily on higher Eurodollar interest rares, and

expectations of continuing high

rates in the months to come.

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclay. Bank international Ltd.

By Frances Williams

rationalization efforts.

From John Earle



Within Whitehall there is confidence that the British proposals will commend them-selves especially to the Bonn Government and the German steel industry, which has stead-fastly opposed the continuing injection of state funds into ailing steel industries and was reluctant to accept the mandatory production quotas invoked last

The Government faces major political difficulties over the level of funding required by British Steel over the next two years, on which a statement will be made by Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry, before the end of this month. Ministers will argue that its overall plans for the United Kingdom industry, both public and private, are in line with Commission objectives of

achieving an orderly restructur-ing of the steel industry. After the introduction earlier this week of legislation which will lift British Steel's borrowing ceiling by £500m to £6,000m (with provision for it to be increased to £7,000m), the corporation will receive further relationally approximately for the corporation will receive further poration will receive further substantial government funds for the next two years, and a Bill will be introduced to reconstruct its balance sheet. Under the survival plan drawn up by Mr Ian MacGregor, chairman, the BSC should be breaking-even by the end of the 1982-83 finantial year. Meanwhile discussions be-tween the BSC and a number of private sector steel com-panies on forming joint venture

Dr Dieter Spethmann: quotas should end only if voluntary system agreed.

Within Whitehall there is question of state aids to the confidence that the British pro-

steel industry has become the subject of intense discussion, between London and Bonn, Sir-Keith was in Bonn 10 days ago, Earlier this week, indications of the German approach to the March EEC discussions were gived by Herr Martin Grüener, economics minister state secretary, who said that West Germany would be urging the Community to apply existing legal instruments to promote the dismantling of state aids. The previous week, Dr The previous week, Dr. Dieter Spenmann, chairman of

the managing board of Thyssen, West Germany's largest steel producer, said that on the grounds of political common-sense the present EEC pro-duction quota system should only and if there was a volunonly end if there was a volun-tary agreement to replace it.

£1,650m EEC aid for industry last year

Rome, Feb 12 Italsider, Italy's state-owned and largest steelmaker, annot survive beyond the end of March unless the government pumps in emergency funds immediately, its new manageent said today.
Its parent Finsider has asked the government for an interest projects. free loan of Lir2,500,000m (£1,060m) of which half would

European Units of Account (£1,650m) with 80 per cent going to Italy, Britain and Ire- £51m aid; More than £45m land, three countries facing the help was given for high speed most difficult structural prob-

tion, the bank said that projects supported in 1980 represented the creation or safeguarding of up to 50,000 permanent fobs, mainly in ludustry. This in-cludes an expected 16,000 jobs in advance factories which the bank helped to finance in

Last year Italsider, with a workforce of 53,000, produced 10.8 million tons of steel, 40 per cent of Italy's output, at an estimated loss of about Britain benefited by loans of £417m bringing the total since British accession in 1973 to over £2,000m. Small and medium-size ven-

tures in assisted areas received £25m help. Larger industrial projects supported directly by the bank included modernization of cable factories on Merseyside, Cheshire and Man-

Optimism on US economy boosts dollar

Dollar rates were boosted by

continued resilience of the

American economy.
President Reagan's economic

package of tax and government spending cuts to be announced

next Wednesday, is thought likely to stimulate economic growth and so sustain demand for madic. This seember and

equipment for nuclear power stations at Darlington and the construction of a packaging mathinery factory at Gates-head. At Wigan, modernization of a glassworks was carried out

The energy sector accounted for £115m with loans for the yesterday. Increased support construction of a transium enwas also given for energy richment plan in Cheshire. In
Projects. Scotland, there was help with
the construction of the Torress
energy and infrastructure denuclear station, a thermal velopment in the Community power station at Peterhead and totalled almost 3,000 million an uprating of generating capacity in the Shetlands.

Telecommunications received £51m aid; More than £45m trains, construction of part of the M65 motorway in Lancashire, the extension of the Sullom Vos oil harbour in the Shetlands, and improved cross-Channel ferry facilities. In Scotland, £42m went to help various infrastructure works to improve development.

development within the EEC.

From Geoffrey Browning

Luxembourg, Feb 12 A high concentration of lending for investment in EEC regions worst hit by unemploy-ment is revealed in a report on the European Investment Bank's activities in 1980 published here

Reporting a year of consolida-

sion of a factory producing

says factoring turnover doubled in the past four years and he points out that this is a useful way of improving cash flow and containing costs. Last year, as the report of the association shows, the number of ckent companies using factoring rose by 15 per cent to 2,400 companies. But the total number of companies serviced by clients of factoring organizations is 275,000. Most companies using factor-

medium sized. Their turnover varies between £50,000 and small percentage fee for volume of business handled they service a client company's whole credit accounting and often arrange trade indemnity infrastructure works conditions for

Ireland was again the country where lending operations were most concentrated. With only one per cent of the population of the EEC, the country accounted for almost 13 per cent of financing operations. The European Investment Bank was established in 1958 as the Community's bank for longterm finance under the Treaty of Rome, its principal task is chester, construction of heavy to channel finance on a non-engineering works and exten- profit basis to promote balanced

ing against the dollar, gained

rate index rose 0.1 to 104.3 (average 1975=100).
With the dollar

With the dollar, it reached new record against the lira

in Milan, and it rose 3 pfennigs against the Deutchemark to fin-

ish London trading at around DM5.05.

against bad debts. British Rail to sell off £40m of

By Peter Hill

E40m are to be added to the British Rail portfolio of assets for privatization. The transfer will swell the value of the over-

Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Transport, said in the Commons yesterday that the additional properties were "not needed for running the

railway". These assets will be trans-

the introduction of private capital into railway hotels, property, hovercraft and ship-ping interests.

BR's non-operational property

They are already let to com-

Privatization of the BR interests, together with those of the British Transport Docks Board is provided for in the

Transport Bill.

Lloyds and Scottish has,

decided against challenging the Trustee Savings Bank's bid for United Dominions Trust, leaving the way clear for the TSR to take over the finance house. Mr Tom Bryans, TSB's chief general manager, said he was delighted with L & S's decision.

"We always wanted to make a full bid, even when we were planning to buy UDT's consumer credit avivities for £57m", he said. TSB is also expecting to hear soon that its offer will not be referred to the Monopolies

The L&S board decided on Wednesday that it would not be in shareholders interests to

bad debts

up 117 pc

By Our Financial Staff

Bad debts incurred on behalf of clients by member companies of the Association of British Factors rose by 117 per cent between the second half of

1979 and the second half of last

Mr Roger Pilcher, chairman

of the association yesterday described factoring companies

as a "reasonable barometer of what is going on in industry".

Factoring, the business which includes invoice discounting,

collecting money and data pro-cessing on behalf of client com-panies, remains a growth area. The volume of business handled on behalf of clients by members of the association rose by 13

per cept last year to £1,934m.

New entrants into the field

include the formation this week

of Anglo Factoring, a company created by two former directors of Griffin Factors, a leading

They are Mr Ben Hosh, former managing director of Griffin, and Mr Fred Salinger,

a former director. Their com-pany is backed by RIT and they

hope eventually to get a large slice of the market. Mr Hosh

ing services are small to

£15m a year. In return for a

group in the business.

in a year

propose a higher price than the

The TSB offer, made two weeks ago, was for 57p a share valuing UDT at £110m. UDT's board had accepted the higher offer stating that it was fair and reasonable.

Mr George Duncan, L&S chairman, said his group did not want to get into an auction. It could not be certain it could justify the bid if it matched the TSB offer.

"The TSB are operating with different criteria over this bid but we did not want to risk dilution of our earnings. On to 154p wh top of that, UDT's recent results, which showed a fall in pretax profits from £7.9m to dismissed.

a recommendation from the UDT board for the L & S offer The recommendation was one of the normal conditions we put on the bid, like that concerning a Monopulies Commis

The TSB launches its bid the day that the Office of Fair Trading announced the L & S offer would not be referred to

the Monopolies Commission.

The stock market also approved of the L & S with-drawal and its shares rose 6p to 154p while UDT's slipped 2p to 57p as the possibility of another bidder emerging was



Mr Tom Bryans: with decision. delighter

Factoring President prepares US for economic package defence spending are expected as are large cuts in non-defence Washington, Feb 12.

America's economy is in the worst condition since the Depression, President Reagan said today. When Americans said today. When Americans appreciated just how bad conditions were, they would support fully the new economic programme be is to announce on February 18.

The president has made several direct appeals for major cuts in public spending during the past few weeks. Today he said that the size of the Government and its spending habits were the main cause of the country's economic dis-

To demonstrate the economy's problems, the White House has published a selected set of charts showing for exam-ple the huge trade deficitthough there is no chart showing the country's balance of payments surplus on current

The President's economists are developing forecasts which are brighter than those by private economists. Tentative figures indicate a sharp reduc-tion in the rate of inflation next year, perhaps to under 7 per cent, and to real growth in 1982 of 4 per cent or more.

The forecasts, which will be completed in the next few days, will be announced when Mr Reagan reveals his economic scepticism in Congress about their spending under control the sort of package and the reasoning behind the forecasts.

domestic spending. According to some calculations the net result will be to boost the federal budget deficit to more than \$100,000m £43,000m) though Reagan bas said President his programmes will cut the deficit. The administration has all

ready stressed that it will be demanding a tougher stance from the Federal Reserve Board and that it will criticize any efforts to boost money supply.

Mr Donald Regan, the Treasury Secretary, said, when asked how the Government could stick with Its optimistic views, that the tax cuts should be designed to produce a big-rise in savings: "If you get the savings that we think we will get from our tax cuts, and if you hold down federal spending and at the same time get the return flow in greater production, greater producti-vity, increased savings that will come from this programme, you will finance the debt through that and you don't have to monetize it."

Mr Regan said that the Administration was merely copying West Germany and Japan which had lower inflation. These countries had larger budnational product than America but they have held down their monetary base, and they kep

De Lorean loans support

Lorean car company in Belfast but the American-owned group will not be getting any more money from the state.

Mr Adam Butler, Northern Ireland Minister of State, told MPs in the Commons that the guarantee for commercial loans was "to help this company launch a car they believe has got good market prospects". The De Lorean project; set

have been "very serious em-ployment consequences for Northern Ireland".

from MPs of project was taken by the previous administration ".

He said that if he had not taken the decision to help the company to get the car to market launch, there would

The Government has agreed oup in Ulster several years ago in principle to guarantee loans with government aid, came in sides of the House, and Mr Butler twice pointed out: "The original decision to support this

New Prestel personalized service for businessmen By Bill Johnstone

British Telecom will introduce a Prestel service later this year which will enable a busisessman to have access via the telephone to his own company computer files, which would be on his home television.
The new service, called Gate

way to Third Party Databases, will also allow Prestel users to have their bank statements

displayed on screen.

The 174,000 pages on the Prestel viewdata service are provided by about 400 information sources on dozens of different subjects. Users with properly adapted television can dial via an ordinary telephone circuit into Prestel.

The West Germans are running their own viewdata system, called Bildschirmtext, based on the Prestel system. and the development has come about as a result of work by Systems Designers for the German postal service.

At an early stage the German postal service committed itself to the introduction of a system allowing private databases to be accessed via the public viewdata network.

To date, 10 private computer systems have been integrated nto the German system, including banks and travel agents.
Through the system which
Prestel will introduce, travel
agents will he able to reserve
and book holidays instantly with

all the information on the holi-day immediately available on display to the customer. Users will be able to place mail orders direct from home. In Britain only about \$600 Prestel sets have been sold since the service started in September 1979. More than

half of those are business users. The cost of Prestel has been to blame for the poor domestic response, but the new service Systems Designers and British Telecom are running a con-

property interests

Industrial Editor

Properties valued at about all portfolio to about £220m.

ferred to the new property company which BR is to estab-lish as a subsidiary of British Rail Investments. It will handle

ment. A year ago it was valued at £180m.

The additional properties were mainly large office developments and the figure at which they appeared in the company's balance sheet would depend on the extent of conmarket conditions, Mr Fowler

mercial tenants; many of them are close to railway stations and the £40m price tag is considered to be only a rough estimate of possible market

The BR Property Board as a whole produced an operating surplus of £29.4m in the last

financial year from a gross rental income of £41.8m before development land tax.

for credit. This together with the need to finance the large Federal budget deficit forecast for the coming year, is expected to keep interest rates high. The pound, despite weaken-The market now takes the view that a cut in minimum lending rate of 2 per cent is likely to be announced in the Budget on March 10accounts for the bulk of the property which will be opened up for private capital invest-

British Telecom to join battle with Thomson over giveaway directories

PRICE CHANGES

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Opening a new chapter in Yellow Pages

news that retail sales in January against Commental currencies, rose by 2 per cent after a small helped by yesterday's unrise in December, signifying changed minimum lending rate

Yellow Pages, which has been exhorting people to let their fingers do the walking for the past few years, will soon turn what was once a gentle jog into competitive marathon. British Telecom, owner of the

Yellow Pages telephone directory, is about to join battle with the Thomson Organisation which first ran the group's Yellow Pages sales. Thomson was dropped in 1979 and reacted by announcing a new organization to sell space

in directories delivered free to all homes, with or without telephones, in direct competition to the Yellow Pages service. Now it seems that British Telecom is set to strike back. ITI and General Telephone, the

two groups which won the Yellow Pages contract from was announced last July.

Thomson, will market giveaway ITT and General Telephone directories too.

The state telephone organization was coy about details of its plans yesterday and said an announcement was due shortly. "Our plans at the moment are in confidence," a Telecom spokesman said. "We expect to start selling space fairly soon. We have some areas picked out for the launch which we are

not revealing now." Telecom claims that it has been publicly planning its entry into the general directory give away market for some years though advertising agencies and be distributed its rival, Thomson, believes that and April the move was seriously mooted. The com-

will, apparently, produce the current Yellow Pages directories in addition to the local giveway version. If the circulation area clashes with that of a Thomson publication, it could land the luckless householder with three overlapping publications.

Mr Robin Eyres, managing director of Thomson Directories, said yesterday that the company had already published three directories; in Bournemouth, Bradford and Kingston, A further than the control of t ther three for Reading, Middlesbrough and Richmond, would be distributed during March

The company was planning

to sell a further 120 directories this year and had, as its target, some 200 directories covering 80 per cent of the United Kingdom population by the end of 1982. The selling is carried out by the staff who were formerly employed on producing Yellow

Pages. . The reaction from the market has been extremely encouraging, Mr Eyres said.
Mr Eyres said he understood a number of companies other than British Telecom had looked at the directory business because the market in Britain appeared underdeveloped in comparison to other European

David Howson

ference next month for senior management

Civil Engineering and Building Contractors

INTERIM STATEMENT The Directors report as follows:-

•	The unaudited profit of til 30th September, 1980 is as	he group : follows:	for the ha	if-year to
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	Titrover	52,798	47,404	93,287
	Trading profit before depreciation .	2,621 1,499	2,564 1,414	6,084 2,817
	Profit before taxation Taxation	1,122 309	1,150 475	3,267 1,391
	Group profit after taxation	813	675	1,876
	Earnings per ordinary share of 25p	8.0p	6.7p	18.6p

received from those companies. 3. The results for the six months to 30th September, 1980 are satisfactory in the circumstances in which the construction industries are operating, both at home and abroad. The settlement of certain accounts, and an improvement in profitability at site level, have contributed to successful trading by the Construction Division in the UK, though the Specialist Contracting Division was less fortunate. The Construction Division will again benefit from a further contribution from Middle East operations in the second half of the year. The RMD Construction Equipment and Plant divisions have continued to operate profitably, and there was an increased contribution from our Materials Supply operations.

2. It is group practice to incorporate Interim profits of

associated companies only to the extent of any dividends

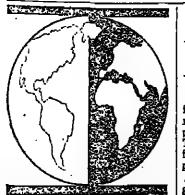
I am hopeful that the overall result for the full year will be comparable with that achieved to 31st March, 1980. Our long established policy of diversification, within trading areas of which we have sufficient knowledge and experience, is sustaining the Group in these times of

On 24th November, 1980 the Douglas Group achieved 50 years of trading in these highly competitive industries and looks forward with confidence to the future.

The Directors have declared an interim dividend in respect of the year ended 31st March, 1981 of 1.1p (1980: 1.1p) per ordinary share of 25p, absorbing £111,286 (1980: £106,425 after amounts walved totalling £4,861), which will be payable on 8th April, 1981 to members on the Register at the close of business on 17th March, 1981.

12th February, 1981 J. R. T. DOUGLAS, Chairman

DOUGLAS ROBERT M. DOUGLAS **HOLDINGS LIMITED**



Reparation for British Ceylon shareholders

snareholders of the British Ceylon Corporation, the biggest company in the coconut products industry, which with three subsidiary companies was nationalized on February 25, 1972, are now to receive compensation totalling 16.47 million rupees (£395.000).

The compensation includes the payment of interest which was decided on by the present United National Party Government and which amounts to 5.7m rupees (£136,700). for BNOC

To enable the payment of compensation, the corporation and its subsidiaries are to be placed in voluntary liquidation. At the time of nationalization the company's chairman was the late Mr Robert Singleton-Salmon who had been the last British member of Sri Lanka's Parliament until 1970.

Slower price growth

Consumer price growth in the Western industrialized world slowed in December to a monthly rate of 0.7 per cent from 0.8 per cent in November and October and one per cent in September, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development said in Paris.

Indo-Soviet trade

The Soviet Union is likely to emerge as the largest buyer of Indian consumer and engineer-ing goods in the next five years. under a trade agreement signed during President Leonid Drezhnev's recent visit to India.

Italy's reserves fall

Italy's net official reserves fell 3.5 per cent in December to \$59,569m (£25,787m) from \$61,706m (26,712m) in November but were up from £38,160m (£16,519m) the previous year.

Japan trade deficit

Japan's Customs-cleared trade balance turned into a deficit of \$2,480m (£1,060m) in January from a preliminary \$1,480m December surplus, but nar-rowed from a \$3,450m deficit a

Report urges shift in public policy and aid from large companies

Helping hand for small businesses

A further shift in public policy in favour of small businesses, is one of the main recommendations of a report on the promotion of small business out yesterday.

The report, commissioned by Shell UK from the Economists Advisory Group, compares measures in seven countries.

. It says that UK public policy has been gradually shifting in favour of small busi-nesses since 1971, when the committee of inquiry on small firms (the Bolton com-mittee) reported. "But progress has been maddeningly slow", commented Mr Graham Bannock, the EAG's managing director and co-author of the report. " The scale and range of measures to promote small business in Britain is tiny compared with all the other countries studied.'

Specific recommendations include the introduction of a state credit guarantee scheme. Another is that a proportion of North Sea revenues should be paid annually into an invested fund for the next 10 years.

The revenue from this fund, with capital and interest payments on loans made from it, should be loaned to small businesses at interest rates not more than those at which blue chip companies can borrow.

Wider role

planned

By Our industrial staff

ment for the group.

yesterday.

A much-expanded role for the

British National Oil Corporation

in the development of North

Sea resources over the next

decade has been forecast by Mr

Maicolm Ford, head of develop-

BNOC could be employing

twice its present workforce

before the 1980s are over,

new (exploration) blocks and

reasonable freedom to invest by

Government", Mr Ford said

The corporation employs 1,930 people, of whom 950 are based in Glasgow, 780 in Aberdeen and 200 in its London

Mr Ford told a meeting of the West of Scotland branch of

the Institute of Petroleum in Glasgow that the public failed to appreciate sometimes that ENOC was not a government supervisory agency.

Mr Fords remarks come on

the eve of a Bill to be intro-duced by Mr David Howell, the

given a reasonable share of

More could be done by large companies to promote small business, the report says. "Most activity is confined to only a small proportion of the 100 largest companies, and the nationalized industries (except British Steel) are conspicuous by their absence in this field."

Purchasing and sub-contracting, as well as hiving off unprofitable activities to small business, all offer practical scope, it says. For example, the Co-operative Wholesale Society has made a special effort to market local products from small companies with spectacular success. In addition, small businesses could do

more to help themselves. Mr Bannock said he regarded the chambers of commerce as an important channel where representation could be improved at national and local government level. However there was also a strong case for giving British chambers of commerce the same public law status and assured revenue that they enjoyed in several European countries. Mr Bannock said.

Apart from more apprenticeships, the best way of increasing industrial influence over education and training would be to involve the chambers of commerce more

UK investment boosts

Ireland's growth rate

Mr Paraic White: "Reason-

market which was swelled by

Half of Ireland's population

is under 25 and the Government has launched a massive job-

ably modest" jobs target.

school-leavers.

By John Huxley Despite world-wide recession

and rising unemployment, the Irish Republic's drive for in-

dustrial growth resulted in re-cord levels of job creation and

manufacturing investment last year, it was claimed yesterday. More than 2,000 jobs came from British companies. New industrial projects ap-proved by the Industrial Devel-

proved by the Industrial Development Authority of Ireland (IDA) during 1980 would result in the creation of 35,600 jobs, Mr Padraic White, the new managing director, said.

Of these, 17,000 jobs will come from American, European

and Japanese companies, while an estimated 2,000 will be with

British companies enticed into investing in the Irish Republic. This is the highest number of jobs created by British companies in any year since the IDA opened its offices in Lon-

don 10 years ago, and represents

fixed asset investment of 17m punts (about £12.6m).

Commenting on the IDAs suc-ces with British industry, much

of it in the services sector, Mr White said that the jobs tar.

get was "reasonably modest". He added that economic ex-

change was healthy for both

deeply. Once public law status for the chambers was introduced, they could in-

fluence secondary education more.
"In continental Europe, it is they and nor the universities, business schools or government agencies which control the brunt of-post-school education". The report adds that training in small companies is almost completely neglected by public

support services. In Germany, Austria and Switzerland, about half of all leavers from compulsory schooling take apprenticeships, about 80 per cent of them in small companies. In Britain, only about 18 per cent of school leavers become apprentices. "In Britain, business generally has in-

sufficient influence over education. The result is that school leavers are illprepared for private sector employment and very few indeed are prepared for the possibility that they might work for them-

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Patricia Tisdall Management Correspondent

Single trade and industry body urged

By Peter Hill Industrial Editor

Utgent reorganization of the Departments of Trade and Industry into a single department was called for last night in the interests of developing a coherent approach to a big part of the private business sector. Mr Alan Lord, managing director of Dunlop Holdings, and formerly second permanent secretary at the Treasury, said in a lecture that it had never seemed sensible to separate the two departments particularly in a nation with a higher propor-tion of exports than almost any

Speaking on government and industry at the Royal Institute of Public Administration, he said that the two departments had previously operated as a single unit and although there had been organizational prob-lems, by the mid-1970s the DTI was beginning to achieve con-siderable success.

The barvest was there to

be reaped, but it was never actually gathered in; and in my view the sooner the two

departments are put back together the better.

There would no doubt be short-term costs from that reorganization and it might well be that in the immediate future there would be relatively little change in the realities of

"But there would at least But there would at least-be then a single department with the framework for a coherent approach to a major part of the private business sector?, he said.

New outlook for window frames of plastic

Leaders of the plastics processing industry have launched s campaign to win a greater share of the £1,600m a year market for window frames, dominated by timber and ulumimum users.

The British Plastics Federa-tion estimates that the installed value of windows (including the cost of labour and glass) is about £400m in home improvement alone. The value of win-dows in new buildings is worth far more, perhaps as much as £1,200m a year.

So far, the share taken by plastic frames is small—prob-ably less than one per cent. In abily less than one per cent. An West Germany, by contrast, plastic accounts for almost half of window frame, sales, Mr Alan Beil, chairman of the federation's newly-formed plastice Windows Group, ex-

the federation's newly-formed Plastics Windows Group, explained yesterday that the sales campaign would be directed primarily towards the "replacement" market at first, where it was-hoped to increase to 10 per cent the share of plastic windows during 1981. This would mean increasing the value of installed windows to about £45m, of which the plastics extrusions would be worth about a quarter.

Last year, an estimated 5,000 to 6,000 tonnes of plastics were converted into window frames.

converted into window frames. The new group, which represents more than 40 manufactur-

sents more than 40 manufacturing companies, hopes to have increased the volume to 20,000 tonnes a year by 1985.

Plastic windows are made mainly from PVC. Their supporters argue that they are more efficient insulators, reduce the likelihood of condensation, and, most important densation, and, most important of all perhaps do not require painting, do not chip, flake, pit

Mr. Bell, who is managing director of a plastics company which will alone spend £1m on consumer advertising this year, says that plastic window frames are price-competitive with aluminium products. Although they are more expensive than wooden frames they last much

that a British standard for plastic windows will be produced by the British Standards Institute later this year. If this proves difficult-and it did for aluminium windows—the feder-ation has indicated that it will

already gone a long way and companies producing asbestos, clay and concrete alternatives been on the defensive.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Big rise in standing charges

Persons

Sir, John Bray's letter January 29, and Gordon May's reply (February 3), have been of paricular interest to us, as we have recently conducted an opinion poll of our thousands of members throughout the United Kingdom on the associated question of "standing charges " for gas, electricity and

overwhelming From the response which we received there is no doubt that while substantial increases in unit costs have been recently introduced, these are small compared with the rises in standing charges. These bear most heavily on small users and in standing charges.

using credit cards

the use of an Access card rather than a Visa/Barclaycard over-

Travelling through Israel early last year, I used both cards, but all the transactions

effected by me were paid for in United States dollars, as opposed to Israeli lira (as the

currency was still called then).
The result? My Access statements correctly showed dollar

pound sterling, but with Visa/

Barclaycard statements showed transactions in Israeli lira, con-

verted into pounds sterling, without any reference to payments in dollars at all. An exchange of letters and a tele-

phone call to the Barclaycard

centre in Northampton revealed

1. Transactions made outside

transactions converted

From the Chairman of The To take gas as an example, British Association of Retired in my gas bill for April, 1980, To take gas as an example, bers tell us that their standing the unit charge per therm (after the initial minimum charge) was 16.50p, while the standing charge was £2.16 per quarter. My latest gas bill in January 1981, shows the bulk consumption charge at 21.2p and £6 for the standing charge. This indicates an increase of no less than 28 per cent in the unit price, and incredibly of 170 per cent in the standing charge. And all in less than a year, too.

The standing charge cannot be avoided, however hard one may try to economize, and this huge increase is virtually high-way robbery of the consumer; it is a totally unjustifiable added burden which bears most resired persons, who, while they try by strict economizing, to make a little reduction in the unit usage, find this totally negatived by the huge increases

Many British Assertion of Persons (Parso) memory fixed and processes and processes and the poor and needy, and the retired living on fixed or negatived by the huge increases

Many British Assertion of Persons (Parso) memory fixed processes and the poor and needy, and the retired living on fixed or nearly-fixed small incomes. Many British Association of Edinburgh, Retired Persons (Barp) mem- February 7.

Edinburgh, EH2 2HB. Travelling Conversion rates when first-class

From Mr J. M. Lichtig

Sir, Mr S. Proctor (February

10) is correct when he suggests the use of an Access card rather

than the local currency are converted into the local currency. However, the conversion into pounds sterling is based on the From Mr Ivor Hall Sir. I recently travelled on a first-class ticket to Bahrain. My outward journey was with British Airways whose service I found to be very good. My re-turn journey was intended to be original currency paid, nor the local one as converted, as I 3. All Barclaycard transwith BA but unfortunately their flight was cancelled. I therefore

excess of their cost of gas used.

The excuse for raising gas prices was to restrict consump-

tion of the "wasting asset" of

North Sea gas, but big increases

in standing charges cannot be justified on this score, nor can

they be justified when the gas

board's profits are so enormous.

Similar increases in electricity and telephone bills are also

appearing and the public seem to be at the mercy of the high-

waymen of nationalization. It

is high time that the Govern-

ment took urgent, steps to put

a stop to this robbery.

The British Association of

IAN MACKENZIE,

Retired Persons.

14 Frederick Street.

by Oantas

I am, Sir,

Yours truly,

Chairman,

transferred to Qantas. Oantas were not prepared to accept my BA first-class ticket. without the payment of a 10 per cent surcharge. I declined to pay this surcharge and insread travelled in their business class. I have since taken this up with Qantas, who I believe to be members of lats, who solvised me that their 10 per cent surcharge is for better service, cuisine, more space between sleeper chairs and better audio system. Of these items the only one missing on the BA outward journey was the special ear-

phones. No doubt many business traveliers on the Australian route book first-class tickets on Qantas without knowing about their surcharge as their bookings are done through their secretaries or travel agents. My own travel agent is unaware of the 10 per cent surcharge and quoted me the same first-class fare for BA and Qantas.

lvor Hall & Associates Limited, 34 Bisham Gardens, London N6 6DD.

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Overseas mail charges

From Mr Laszlo Gombos Sir, The Director of International Post Affairs has written to you (February 6) justifying increases in overseas mail rates and (of course, claims that these increases are more than justified. I submit that his presentation is not complete since he makes no allowance at all for the benefit arising from the higher value of the oound. In ordinary commercial accounting one would allow for lower costs—not only for in creased costs-and perhaps if this normal method were to be followed, the service made more efficient and the administration lightened, we would not be faced in this and other public services with automatic increases whenever one cost element goes up.

Incidentally, can the Director tell us why the lower postdiscreetly dropped? LASZLO GOMBOS, Garrick Club. London W.C2E 9AY.

Calendar design From Mr F. Ellis

Sir, Mr A. C. Jarrold (February)

10) asks us how we like out a much to she prefer one single horizontal lint for each month, from the first to the last day of the month with Sunday is red. The lay with Sundays in red. The lay, out suits calendars with or with out "a pictorial element" and is perfectly legible. Some Swiss calendars use the layout with great effect. F. ELLIS, 39 Limes Road, Folkestone.

Designers and manufacturers of mining machinery, forgings and steel alloy castings. Structural and electrical engineers)

A good half-year

26 week period ended

25th Oct. 1980 27th Oct. 1979. £14,091,000 £10,017,000

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Trading profit before tax

Profit after tax

GRAHAM CHAINEY 47 St Barnabas Road,

Cambridge CB1 2BX.

February 10.

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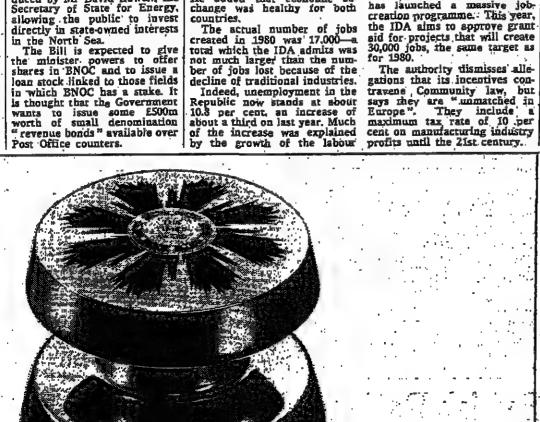
Profit before tax is after charging depreciation of £464,000 (1979 - £429,000). Provision for tax has been calculated at \$2°, on the trading profit for the period as The above figures do not include trading results of Laurence Scott Group, control of which was acquired after 25th October, 1980.

"The Group continues to operate with a reasonably good order book. Coal mining business in the U.K. has been affected by recently announced cut-backs. Fortunately export orders for mining machinery forms a major part of our existing business

which should see us through 1981 without any serious need to cut-back on production. New foreign subsidiaries have been formed in our mining

division in Australia and South Africa. The prospects for expansion in overseas markets with the establishment of production units and service departments is most encouraging and will, as a result of our recent acquisition of Laurence Scott Limited, offer more opportunities for additional products. It is the board's intention to at least maintain a dividend of 2.0p per share for the current year."

A. Snipe, Chairman. THE RESIDENCE OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY



countries.

The limes Awards

The winning entries for The Times Awards were those advertisements which, in the opinion of the judges, would leave the reader with the impression that the company would be a good one to do business with to work for, or in which to invest. The advertisements were judged in terms of good use of typography, design and copy to convey the relevant information.

The task of the independent panel of judges was made particularly exacting by the number, range, and quality of entries from industry, commerce and finance.

The Grand Prix.

The Times is pleased to announce that the winner of the 1980 Grand Prix is:

Unilever Lid.

Agency: Charles Barker CBC Ltd.

Their entry was judged to be the advertisement that best conveyed, by way of typography, design and copy, information relevant to shareholders, professional advisers, prospective investors and all concerned in the company's well-being; in short, an advertisement that would leave the reader with the impression that the company would be a good one to do business with, to work for, or in which to invest.

Judges' Special Awards.

Overseas Company Creditanstalt-Bankverein

20cms x 4 columns or less. Powell Duften Ltd. Agency: Streets Financial Ltd.

The most significant contribution to new imaginative thinking in financial advertising.

Category Winners.

Category 1a Annual Results. Colour or mono. Half page or larger, or equivalent.

Agency: Walter Judd Ltd. 2nd: International Thomson Organisation Ltd.

Category 1b Ammal Results. Colour or mono. Less than half a page of cquivalent.

Agency: Valin Pollen Ltd. 2nd: Loudon Trust Company Ltd. Agency: Valin Pollen Ltd.

Category 2

Interim Results. Colour or mono. All sizes. 1st: Consolidated Goldfields Ltd. Agency: Charles Barker CBCLtd.,

2nd: Pearson Longman Ltd. Agency: Charles Barker CBCLtd. 3rd: Charterhouse Group Ltd.

Agency: Dewe Rogerson Ltd. Category 3 Preliminary Results. Colour or mono. All sizes. 1st: J Samsbury Ltd.

Agency: Streets Financial Ltd. 2nd: CT Bowring and Co Ltd. Agency: Walter Judd Ltd.

3rd: British Sugar Corporation Agency: Charles Barker CBC Ltd.

lst: Lontho Lkd.

Agency: Charles Barker CBC Ltd. 3rd: Reckitt & Colman Ltd.

Agency: Dawe Rogerson Ltd. Ist: Booker McConnell Ltd.

3rd; S& W Berisford Ltd.

Agency: Streets Financial Ltd.

Agency: Charles Barker CBC Lid. Smaller Advertisement ...

Special Award

Agency; Doyle Dane Bernbach Ltd.

longer. The plastics federation hopes

try to issue its own guidelines. The move into the windows market marks a further initiative by the plastics industry to provide substitutes for more traditional products. In the construction industry this has

John Huxley

In the second place, siting open boxes on a noisy junction will not result in improved telephone conversations. Apart from the noise, they are also open to wind and rain. These trendy new boxes seem

Managing Director,

345a Station Road,

Harrow, Middlesex HA1 2XP.

Live Services Limited,

to me, in short, to be sympto-matic of two pernicious modern tendencies: one is the putting of operational convenience before the convenience of the customer; the other is the continu-ing erosion of privacy in our lives. The old traditional phonebox in which one could hold a private telephone conversation, neither over-heard nor deafened by outside noise, is rapidly disappearing. Already they have virtually vanished from stations and other indoor locations. Are they about to disappear from our streets too?

ships

Sir, Hugh Whitwell's elegant verse (February 11) castigating my use of the expression "seakindly" raises wide implica-

Doe on her bicycle.

If Mr Whitwell still doubts me I would gladly take him to DAVID GILES Thorneycroft, Giles & Associates Ltd. The Embankment, Bembridge.

actions made outside the United Kingdom are processed by Visa (of which Barclaycard is a member) in the United States of America, giving rise to the dollar conversion "io certain circumstances", as experienced by Mr A. F. Fell. What these certain circumstances are, were not explained by Barclaycard and some clari-

fication is obviously needed. I would be interested to know what would happen if one actually paid for goods or ser-vices abroad in pounds sterling. The mind boggles as to how many conversions this would lead to; or would Visa/Barclay-card waive conversion in this case?

the final decision and that he

the United Kingdom and charged in the local currency are converted directly from that Yours faithfully, currency into sterling, for example: Switzerland—Swiss JERROLD M. LICHTIG, francs into sterling.
2. Transactions made outside Southbourne Crescent, the United Kingdom but London NW4 charged in a currency other February 11. London NW4 2JY,

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Difficult decisions on industrial training responsibility in the matter of

Sir, it is apparent from the second reading of the Employment and Training Bill that Parliament is considering the Sir, It is apparent from the second reading of the Employment and Training Bill that Parliament is considering the proposed changes with a great deal of concern judging from your report of the proceedings on February 10. Even Mr Prior admits the conflicting views give a background that would make it difficult to decide what changes are necessary.

However, one cannot help but accept his or the Manpower Services Commission's thinking on the question of a review of the existing system in an attempt to anticipate the training requirements of the future, with or without the ITBs. A Managing Director.

make it difficult to decide what changes are necessary.

However, one cannot help but accept his or the Manpower Services Commission's thinking on the question of a review of the existing system in an attempt to anticipate the training requirements of the future, with or without the ITBs. A mistake now because of political mistake now because of political attitudes could prove disastrous for the United Kingdom and

one hopes that Mr Prior rea- Middlesex HA1 lizes this in his accepted February 11. New telephone kiosks From Mr Graham Chainey Sir, British Telecom have re-

cently installed on a busy junc-tion in Cambridge two of their new acrylic-shield open telephone kiosks, making the claim for them that they are more vandal proof than traditional boxes, and more modern in appearance.

The thinking behind this seems to me confused. For one thing, in an open kiesk without door the apparatus would seem more vulnerable to the attention of passing vandals, not less, than in a box with the standard resistant door. I suspect it more likely that they are designed to need less attention: having no floor, they can accumulate

Appreciating sea-kindly

From Mr D. Laurent Giles

Sea kindly has been used by English seafarers since time immemorial to describe the behaviour of a ship or boat as moving gently in her natural element (OE "sae" and "gecyndlic"). In my experience the expression was most notably used by the great "Bubbles". Smith of Lymington, one of the most lucid exponents of the essential qualities of different ships from Men o' War to the Lymington Pram. Indeed, in his case, the expression was often adapted to describe the behaviour of any craft, vessel or creature-and in an astound ing variety of situations---from his own fishing boat to the Mew Langton Beer Boat, or even the screne progress of Mrs Alice

This delicious expression has nothing to do with the more mundane word "seaworthy which simply implies mathe matics and safety at sea and is of uo philosophical conse quence.

sea in my own little boat to Isle of Wight PO35 5NS.

Imperial's unfulfilled promise

he all too familiar tale from Imperial Group after the fifth consecutive year of irtually static profits is one of immense uture potential if only the right keys can e turned. But for the time being, Imperial ooks like a group travelling nowhere uickly and the income stock stigma holds

Pre-tax profits are down £15.4m at 126.9m and, allowing for an unexpected loost of £5m or so as a result of accountancy hanges, are much in line with market foreasts. But the maintenance of the dividend ifted the shares 2p to 81p where a yield of 2.8 per cent explains a fully taxed p/e of

Once again, the unfashionable tobacco nterests have provided the mainstay lifting heir trading surplus fractionally to £80.4m lthough fierce competition saw a sharp eterioration in the second-half, which ardly augurs well given most Budget expec-tions. Courage also raised its contribution Imost £4m to £42.4m, boosted by recontruction of the Harp lager interests while he United States Howard Johnson purchase id remarkably well to turn in £13.3m for se half-year and to leave something over fter financing costs of £11.5m.

But the continuing squeeze on egg and oultry prices in the United Kingdom has ift the foods surplus down by more than alf to £10.3m, while paper, board and plascs losses widened to £3.3m in the face of eavy losses at the now closed Bristol mill. For the current year, scope for the United ingdom interests appear minimal with opes riding on a sharp consumer spending pturn in the second-half to offset a poor nerim period. Ho-Jo may yet prove the buy f the century but until Imperial completes s management studies it is not going to rovide any fireworks.

Meanwhile, the balance sheet has come rough the Ho-Jo purchase in fine shape. et gearing has jumped to close on 78 per ent but should settle back to nearer 65 per ent when Imperial cashes in its remaining 106m of gilts to satisfy most of the £141m urodollar debt outstanding as a result of

he deal and takes in asset revaluations. Profits could work out at little more than itest figures without significant United lingdom recovery, but, as ever, the dividend ooks reasonably sound although only 11 imes covered historically and fractionally hort-earned on a CCA basis.

Dowty

Feeling the NCB cutbacks

lowty's shares have been under pressure in ecent weeks, sandwiched between fears bout the impact of the National Coal oard's cutbacks and hopes based on owty's booming aerospace business. The arket had been paying most attention to e bearish argument so the surprisingly sod interim figures, showing a £1.7m rise profits to £19.1m pretax, sent the shares urting up 22p to 215p.

The mining division has indeed been ffering with volume down by over one ith and profits by a third to £5.7m. There is been no replacement for the Chinese der, the NCB cutbacks have been hurting id there is every indication that worse is come in the second half and possibly ext year too. In fact, NCB ordering has chopped by about two-fifths and owty is clearly hoping the Government ill relent on cash limits.

In contrast, aerospace has seen volume se as the Tornado hit full production and argins have recovered after suffering from ie engineering strike last year. The result as a two-thirds rise in profits to £10.7m ad this division is still going strong.

So with the small electronics division

taking progress and helping to offset the roblems in the industrial division which is ow bumping along the bottom, Dowty hould still keep profits moving ahead durig the recession and be able to cover its apital requirements from cash flow. Fullear profits should be about £39m, suggestig a more or less static second half overall. though because of the new stock relief iles earnings per share will probably be

Assuming the final dividend rises by a inth like the interim, the shares yield 3.3 er cent and the prospective p/e ratio is about 15½. With Dowty now in a quieter phase because of the problems in mining equipment the shares may not go far in the short-term but still look soundly based on a longer view.

Sugar

Organizing the home market

As if their nerves were not already stretched enough by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission enquiry into S. & W. Berisford's bid for British Sugar, share-holders in those companies and in Tate & Lyle now have to take into account Mr Peter Walker's thoughts on how the United Kingdom sugar market should be organized. The key is how much a reduction in the supply of sugar to the British market would diminish BSC's attractiveness. Not for the first time, Mr Walker is

suggesting a cut of 200,000 tonnes in Britain's EEC sugar quota, with the quite reasonable proviso that other countries quotas are reduced too. This would lower allowable beet sugar production in Britain to about 1.15m tonnes, roughly BSC's current maximum output but 100,000 tonnes

below its target. BSC will fight tooth and nail to stop any thwarting of its ambitions, but a quota reduction would be dearly welcome at Tate & Lyle and Berisford. A major problem for BSC is that five or six of its factories produce less than the 3,500 tonnes a day of sliced beer than is considered the economic minimum. Some of these factories are unprofitable, and a quota reduction could tip them over the edge. As it is, all of the company's £150m investment has been concentrated in six higger factories.

Some market cynics in any case think that Mr Walker's ideas were only intended to throw a smokescreen around the closure of Tate's Liverpool refinery. That aside, it seems unlikely they will come to fruition. If the Monopolies and Mergers Commission rules against Berisford, BSC will be free to pursue its -aggressive production and marketing campaign, which could mean further encroachments on Tate's territory, despite the latter's reckoning that the market is approximately in balance. If Berisford's bid proceeds, the company could find itself emeshed in the quota tangle, its loyalties divided between BSC and the cane producers and refiners.

British Steel Corporation's discussions with the bulk steel producers in the private sector have tended to overshadow the plight of smaller special steel groups trying to eke out a living from a decreasing number of customers.

Even though the results of BSC's talks with Duport, Tube Investments, GKN and Hadfields are unlikely to have any direct effect on the smaller groups, it is they who will have to live with the new market environment which emerges. Many, already on short time, have taken unpleasant measures to cut overheads. But the subsequent deterioration means that this year they may have to decide whether to remain

in steel making.

Special steel is a highly fragmented business falling into three main areas, highly specialized alloy for aerospace, defence and nuclear industries; high speed and tool steel for hand tool and machine cutting; and stainless steel.

At the top of the alloy market Johnson & Firth Brown told shareholders this week that they had made a first-quarter loss but should make profits in the second half, with their optimism stemming from restocking orders from Rolls-Royce.

Aurora in high speed and tool steel has lost its acquisitive thirst, having rationalized Edgar Allen Balfor and Samuel Osborne just as the market dropped from beneath it. Neepsend, reporting soon for the half year, has already warned that the current year they will at best break even, it is probable that it has not made money on steel in the past five years.

The stock market has been nervous of steel stocks since GKN's results. Johnson, Aurora and Neepsend are all historically yielding well over 30 per cent. But yester day's raid on F. Pratt, which stirred the engineering sector, demonstrated that this level of discounts to assets is liable to provoke a flurry of takeover activity.

Frank Vogl talks to the chairman of Exxon

What big business wants from Mr Reagan

Washington
Mr Clifton C. Garvin, Jr.
started work 34 years ago at
the age of 25 as a process
engineer at an Exxon refinery
in Louisiana. Today he is perhaps the most powerful industrialist in America. His views
will not only influence the
economic programme that
Frasident Reagan announces
next Wednesday, but will be
heard frequently, in the White
House over the next four
years.

House over the next rour years.

Mr Garvin is both chairman of Exxon, the world's largest industrial company in terms of sales volume, and head of the Business Roundtable, a select policy group which is the prime spokesman of big business's views in the United States.

Mr Garvin is cautiously optimistic about the economic policies of the United States.

policies of the United States, but he is concerned deeply about the precarious state of global oil supplies.

He says that the business community is confident that the Reagan Administration will come to grips with the funda-mental problems of inflation and productivity.

"We just know instinctively that we as a nation are living beyond our means and spend-ing more than we are able to generate and that our search for equity, as it were, among all the people in the country, has just maybe been taken too Mr Garvin expects the new

President to put forward poli-cies that reduce public spending as a percentage of gross national product and provide, incentives to boost savings and investment. "We do not expect overnight

miracles. It is going to take a considerable period of time for the nation to readjust from the way it has been going and we hope be will stand firm." The Exxon chief says that the President's ability to hold fast and take the criticism that his programme of large spending cuts will involve (particularly as they will produce very little improvement in the economy's health this year) is soing to be absolutely critical, but he is

confident that Mr Reagan will

What industry desperately mer rolls along and a good bit needs from the Government, Mr of this (new economic pro-Garvin says, is consistent poli-gramme) has not been put in place."

Mr Clifton C. Garvin, chairman of Exxon and head of the Business

Roundtable, the influential body of ton American industrialists: he is cautiously optimistic about the United States's economic

cies. He hopes the Congress will adopt the Reagan Administration's approach of planning tax and spending programmes on a full four-year basis. If such a long-term policy concept is adopted then the private sector will really start to invest. "I think there will be prob-lems with the Congress, don't misunderstand me, But I sense that the mood of the Congress is 'Let us give him a crack at it'. I have a sort of sixth sense that he is going to get much of what he is asking for."

Business, Mr Garvin says, is. encouraged by the lack of orga-nized political opposition to the President's approach at present.

He says that it is clear that now there will be much closer compatability of views between business and government and that cooperation will develop. "I believe we need to change the pattern of the last 20 years, which has been one of con-frontation."

He is not keen on the idea of an American "social contract", but says that there are broad policy areas where government, business and the trade unions should work together. He knows of no administration plans to develop such coordination.

"I do not suggest we change the normal relationship that "I would be a most dis- exists in this country between appointed person if mid-sum- management and labour. I think exists in this country between

it is a healthy one and person-elly I am not looking for change."

Mr Garvin hopes that this government will help to improve the general image of busines in America. He laments busines in America. He laments that he does not know how the public view of oil companies can be improved. "You will find today that the oil industry is at the bottom of the list next to Congress in terms of the confidence people have. We are greatly disturbed by that and we do not know how to change the public perception of 225 million Americans."

Turning to energy policy, Mr Garvin says that he is somewhat surprised that President Reagan moved so fast to decontrol oil prices. He hopes that the Administration will now go on to decontrol natural

now go on to decontrol natural gas prices. Americans had surprised

many people recently by con-serving oil and the conserva-tion effort was going to con-

Mr Garvin is clearly worried about the oil outlook. How do you secure oil price moderation among the members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries?

Obviously United States policy towards the Middle East, and Israel is a factor with Arab oil exporters and, says Mr Garas long as there is no real solution involving the Pal-estinians says Mr Garvin, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries will use the situation as an excuse in their oil price-setting strategies. It has never been clear

though, if you could wave a magic wand and solve all these political problems to everyone's satisfaction, that these oil prob-lems would go away. We are dealing with finite reserves that are disappearing over a number of decades. The real difficulty that we have had has not been higher oil prices as such, but the rapidity of the price in-

You hope that the powerful Opec countries will see that the wellbeing of the industrial world and the developing nations is in their own interest, too. They say they see this. But it depends upon what one views

"It has been my belief that those in Opec that think like this and see this also believe that they can make the judgment as to what the danger point is for the industrial world and what price rise gets the world into trouble. In all fairness we cannot even take that judgment ourselves in our own country." country."
Under present circumstances,

every public planner must reckon with the distinct possibility of another oil price shock, another sudden sharp increase in nrices. Mr Garvin's analysis at Exxon say that the minimum increase in 1981 wil he equal to inflation. But the Iran-Iraq war, for example, has made mat-ters desperately uncertain.

Mr Garrin explains that the supply and demand equation supply and demand equation today suggests a shortage of one million barrels of oil a day. "There is a shortage of supply, Now there is still an excess of working inventeries of what we would guess at 300 to 400 million barrels in the free world. You the free world. You pull on that for almost a year at one million barrels a

"How did I get my one mil-lion barrels a day figures for the shortage? At the start the [ran-Iran war cut off about four million barrels of emports. Now the two together are exporting up to one million bar-rels a day as far as we can find out. The other Opec countries have gone up by maybe as much as one million barrels and we see new production in the North Sea and Mexico and places outside the Opec adding up to maybe arother one million barrels in 1981.

"We can see a way through this year, but it does not leave any leeway for anything to happen, if the war intensifies, or they go at each other in a different way. It is too big a system to have that fine a balance. Ideally the system runs with 4 to 5 per cent spare. That is the way you are sure every-one gets what the want. How many years we are going to see ahead with that sort of spare is something I wouldn't want to guess. I would guess not very

Technology

Using the laser as a scalpel

Surgeons are learning to use the laser beam with the same degree of skill as that with which they wield the scalpel. Lasers are now being used in America, Israel and Britain.

Ophthalmic surgery, gynae-cology and even the removal of tartoos are all fields where they are making an impact. Laser (light amplification by stimulated emission of radia-tion) is used to describe what

happens to a molecule or ion of a substance, (usually in a mixture of gases like helium, carbon dioxide, neon or argon, when it is excited by stimulating it with an electric charge or light from a lamp. This excitation

molecules or ions of gas into an "unnatural" state (in which they are no longer stable). As they return to their previous state, packages or "photons" of light are emitted. These photous when concentrated together constitute a laser

The surgeon is able, depending on the type of gas used in the laser and the power emitted, to use the rool either as a coming edge or as a coagu-lator (blood thickener).

The surgical use of lasers dates back to the early sixties when pulses of light emitted by an excited rod made from ruby stone were used as a coagulator The rod, about 150mm long and 10mm in diameter, was excited by flashes of light from a xenoq lamp or similar source.

As the technology of lasers progressed, artificial stones were used in place of the ruby. These lasers are used as coagulators during gastric surgery. The light from the laser

gery. The light from the laser is passed down an optical telescope into the stomach to arrest gastric bleeding.

The other type of laser, mainly used as a cutting edge, is the carbon dioxide laser, which would typically be about one metre long and 5-10mm in diameter. The gas is excited by an electric current and can proan electric current and can produce about 40 warts power. This laser is being used in Britain and America for surgical operations. tions in gynaecology.

The surgical laser emits between 20 and 40 watts and has the beam focused on an area of about 0.5mm square. At each end of the laser rod (whether gas filled or of the ruby type) a mirror or other type of reflecting surface is attached, so that the light resul-ting from the chemical reaction in the tube can be concentrated into a beam.

In a gas laser the process begins by the gas,—either carbon dioxide mixed with helium and nitrogen or a mix-ture of helium and neon—being excited electrically in an effect not dissimilar to that seen in an ordinary fluorescent light tube. As each gas molecule is excited and then later discharges its energy, a cascade reaction occurs along the entire length of the tube.

The mirrors focus the emitted packages of light along the axis of the tube into a beam which emitted from one end of the

A flexible lever similar to that use by a dentist is then attached to the laser allowing the light to be manipulated at



A surgeon using a laser device in the operating theatre,

As a cutting tool a laser gives ture. The energy is provided the surgeon fresh scopa in by the laser. exercising his skill.

The laser is a quite different The cells of the body are effectively small bags full of surgeon must choose the type water. As the laser cuts the which will give him either a cells the water is raised from good cutting edge with the body temperature of 37 degrees econdary effect as a coagulato 100 degrees centigrade. The water then changes from water to steam at the same tempera-

used to edge forward surgical techniques. The first was an operation conducted at the bagioning of this year by Professor Ron Razin at the Rokah Hospital in Tel-Aviv, when he performed a circumcision on a 15-year-old haemo-philiac boy.

The carbon dioxide laser was able to cut the skin while acting effectively as a congulator to prevent uncontrollable bleed-

Another surgical application which has highlighted some of the special charcteristics of the carbon dioxide laser is in the removal of tattoos. Skin grafting or acid treatment in the past used.

Last year a London hospital opened a clinic for the removal of tattoos, using a process similar to that for cell cutting. The skin is pierced by the laser and the lak of the tattoo is vaporised,

The laser's full potential has yet to be realized, but its usefulness in surgery has already been demonstrated by performance to date.

Bill Johnstone

Business Diary: Men in the middle • Brandy snip

If the economic strategy of te Reagan administration tems confusing at times, do it be concerned—it seems to by design. One could suspect at this is part of a deep achiavellian approach to ening that the press, public and ingress fail to gang up on the House as the target eps on moving. Donald Regan, the Treasury

erretary, laments that his job increasingly becoming one of referee. On one side is his ew Under-secretary for lonetary Affairs, Dr Berryl prinkel, one of the most dog-atic true-blue monetarists ver to have entered the reasury, and on the other side the Under-secretary for Tax d Economic Affairs, Dr orman Ture, the advocate of pply-side economics.

But Regan's problems are thing compared to those aced by President Reagan in e lap of a former Treasury eretary, George Shultz, presint of the Bechtel company. ultz has just been named airman of a special economic visory board to the administration. The board members clude Milton Friedman, whose onetarist views have never on much support from Dr thur Burns, the former cenal bank chief, who is also on the bank chief.

le board. Dr Arthur Laffer, whose ipply-side theories are viewed ith deep scepticism by Alan reenspan, the former chairan of the council of economic lyisers, is also on the board. are such ardent ultainservative budget cutters as filliam Simon and Charls falker, former Treasury ecretary and Deputy Secretary.



" If we can run the old Morris for another three years we should be able to replace it with a truly British Datsun."

On his 15th birthday Turn-bull signed indentures for a six-year engineering appren-ticeship with Standard Motors, Coventry. When it became part of British Leyland he had pro-gressed to become Standard's deputy chairman .

By 1973 he was managing director of the whole group, but within a few months he had a row with the then Sir Donald Stokes, the chairman, about a discredited new cenorganization and

walked out. In the following year he sur-prised everyone by moving to South Korea to become vice-president of the Hyundai Motor

Company. When his three-year contract expired he returned with an enhanced reputation to be enhanced reputation to

George Turnbull, who announced the closure of Linwood on Wednesday must now be regretting the choice he made three and a half years ago when he turned down the chairmanship of BL to help build a motor industry in Iran.

On hie 15th highday Turn Leslie Murohy trying to walk mined to write his own job brief and NEB chairman Sir Leslie Murphy trying to walk the tightrope between the job the tightrope between the job as seen by his masters in White-hall and Turnbull's insistence on much greater freedom of

action.
Then the Iranians appeared on the scene. They wanted a car production expert of Turnbull's experience and standing to switch the assembly of Chrysler's out-dated Hunter Chrysler's out-dated Hunter model to complete domestic

manufacture. The Hyundai contract had already made him wealthy, but the sort of money the Iranians were offering for one year up a new market just in time would make him independent for what, in the slow-moving for life. Last night a colleague said: "That was really the crossroads for George. But for the once-in-a-lifetime offer from the Iranians he might have been

Marian yearning for United Kingdom life again Turnbull quit in 1978. Within a few months he was back in the industry, this time as head of Peugeot's newly acquired Chrysler UK operations.

Britain's largest independent wine and spirits shipper, Matthew Clark, has just landed itself a notable success only to find the company swamped by Martell, the cognac it has

handled since the 1830s, may be the best selling brand in Britain, but until now it has not been number one with any of been number one with any of the major breweries.

No longer, since Bass, with more retail outlets than any other, has picked Martell to replace its former chosen premier brand of Remy Martin.

Unifortunately for Matthew Clark the company has now Clark, the company has now found itself surrounded by rumours in the trade of an imminent takeover by the vast

brewing firm.

"Absolutely untrue", said
Matthew Clark, director, Sam
Gordon Clark. "There is no question of Bass taking us over or that Bass might be taking the whole of the Martell agency. It's purely a business arrange-

By clinching the Bass deal, Matthew Clark has opened world of cognac, is something of a cataclysmic event. Martell is about to abandon its familiar three star bottles in

Britain for a more up-market

sitting in Michael Edwardes's image. The result, a modern frosted bottle, will contain With the Shah's position beginning to totter and his wife launched on an unsuspecting British public next week. 1 Lloyds Bank increased its

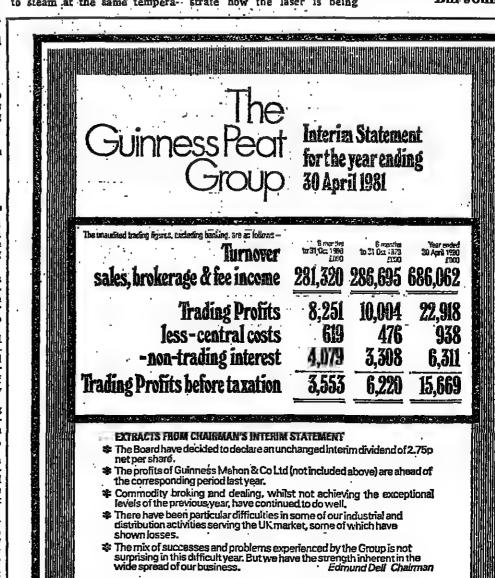
maritime charter portfolio yes-terday with the unusual addition of a craft, which among other duties will act as an escort to the Royal Yacht Britannia. In fact, it is likely to spend most of its time servicing navigarional buoys and lights and providing accommodation for the annual coastal inspection of navigational aids by Trinity

Trinity House is chartering the vessel from Lloyds' equipment leasing subsidiary, in a deal which, the bank says, makes sense for both parties.

On delivery it will join a fleet of 12-owned by Lloyds, including bulk carriers and cluding bulk carriers and specialized vessels such as the British Rail ferry MV St

Match-makers Bryant & May, producers of the England's Glory series with jokey legends on the back, have revealed why the quips were becoming so boring. A few years ago all the old printing plates of the jokes were destroyed and the original stock of jokes were reduced to a mere 32. Then the company decided that it wanted some of the old jokes hack again and ampealed jokes back again and appealed to philumenists, who have pessed on boxes from their collections and so restored about 6,000 of the old jokes. Example elephant to his first mouse:
"Aren't you little"; mouse,
offended: "I've been ill." Ah,

David Hewson



Stock markets

Equities firm on talk of Government 'U-turn'

of making a "U-turn".

quiet start, with most sectors extending their positions on overnight levels.

But jobbers claimed that shortages of stock were produccreating volatile conditions.

Interest had been rekindled by a statement the previous evening by Mr Francis Pym, Minister in charge of co-ordinating the Government's communications, who admitted that conditions forced adjustments in timing and tactics. While jobbers remained sceptical of a complete "U-turn" by tillers at 189p, and Dualop at stimulated Spear and Jackson the Government, most believed 65p. BOC International, with 5p to 90p, Expanded Metal 6p its approach was now becoming first-quarter figures out next to 55p, Pegler-Hattersly 6p to more flexible and this led to week, hardened 2p to 119p, 150p and Westland Aircraft 3p firmer conditions.

Nevertheless, most of the buying was again concentrated among the second-liners and recovery stocks, particularly among engineering, where dealers saw some active trade. Dealers now believe that the current climate will ensure a warm reception for British Aerospace next Wednesday.

Speculative buying was another contributory factor, with many investors still banking on a cut in MLR at 12.30 pm yesterday, despite earlier statements that they would have to wait until the

However, with MLR unchanged, a certain amount of profit-taking was inevitable and this was reflected in the FT Index, which closed 3.7 higher at 490.0, baying been 4.2 bigher

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Equities remained in good time in an indifferent market while Glaze hardened 4p to form yesterday supported by selective buying among the per cent, 1986, making its institutions amid talk that the Government was showing signs over the opening price of £20.

Lively business was recorded over the opening price of £20.

Lively business was recorded a count of £216 over the opening price of £20. f making a "U-turn". Investors have soaked up so Business picked up after a much tap stock in recent weeks that an acute case of indiges-

tion was overdue. Li longs, prices closed unchanged, having fluctuated in limits of around £2, while in shorts, the unchanged MLR left minus signs averaging an

Leading industrials experierced a firm session helped by full-year figures from Imperial Group where, despite recent speculation, the dividend was maintained and the shares rose 22 to 81p. Similar gains were seen in ICI at 294p, Beechams at 185p, Unilever at 458p, Dis-tillers at 189p, and Dunlop at 65p. BOC International, with

Sales £m

32(26,55)

2.41(2.24)

-(-) 160(149) 52.7(47,4)

1.34(1.19)

92.1(88.8) 15.03(12.6)

-(-) 1.58(I.63)

among engineering shares, par-ticularly among second-liners, where F. Pratt leapt 20p to 90p

Expect news early next week from Moss Engineering, whose shares have come up sharply from a 77p low to close yesterday 2p better at 97p. Word is that they have received an approach which could lead to an offer. The group reported £1m worth of new business bejore Christmas.

following attempts at a "dawn raid by brokers Capel Cure Myers. Selective interest also

Latest results

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to 131p, the latter following left Stag Line 13p lower at 420p, recent bullish remarks by the but directed attention to such stocks as Common Brothers, 15p terim figures left William Cook to 310p. Walter Runciman 11p to 140p and London and Over-following its interim statement.

Arms the water CVA

Among the majors, GKN climbed 4p to 150p, Tubes 2p to 186p, Vickers 3p to 152p, while Metal Box rose 6p to 186p on the back of a recent circular from brokers Laing and Cenicksbank

Selective buying in a thin market drew attention to stores. Burton hardened 3p to 108p on talk of a brokers' circular and GUS "A" advanced 5p to 490p, while Marks and Spencer closed unchanged at 124p—just 2p short of the "high" for the year. But speculative attention lifted Peters Stores another 6p lifted Peters Stores another 6p

The agreed bid terms from Hunting Gibson, in shipping,

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Elsewhere, on the bid front, Robertson Foods jumped 7p to 161p awaiting developments in the approach from Avana Group, up 8p at 218p. But United Borninions Trust slipped 1ip to 56ip on news that Lloyds & Scottish was withdrawing from the race. Shares of Lloyds & Scottish expanded 6p to 154p.

The "big four" banks continued to rally on the back of a recent brokers' recommendstion, but business was described as "squeery". Barclays edged ahead op to 411p, National Westminster 6p to 331p and Midland 7p to 340p. Lieyds, which opens the report ing season next week, was bo better at 381p.

In textiles, speculative attention was good for 14p rise in Fothergill and Harvey to 122p and 7p to 82p in Textured

Equity turnover for February 11 was £109.933m (bargains, 16,503). Active stocks, accord-ing to the Exchange Telegraph. were GEC, European Ferries, Blue Circle, Crest Nicholson, GKN, Allied Breweries, Beacham and Shell.

Traded options: Total contracts made were 1,142. Commercial Union attracted 28, GEC some 164, Cons Gold, 5, BBL, 31, BP, 43 and Imperial took S61. Traditional options: Dealers: reported quiet activity. Calls were made in London Investment Trust at 21p, ICL at 72p, Duport at 31p, Montagn Meyer at 81p and FNFC at 31p. A put was arranged in FNFC.

Dawn raid on F. Pratt fails for lack of stock

By Margareta Pagano and Peter Wilson-Smith

A dawn raid to pick up 15 per tent of the shares in F. Pratt Engineering is believed to have failed vasterday because the stockbrokers were unable to buy sufficient stock.

It is understood that brokers Canel, Cure, Meyers, were instructed by unknown clients to huv 14.9 per cent in the market. The shares, which have seen large rises in recent weeks, opened at 70p. CCM are believed to have stood in the mar-ket to bid at \$41p and to have collected only about 5 per cent of the equity, or 300,000 shares, before the price moved higher to close at 90p. CCM was un-available for comment last eight. Rumours point to Swiss

But earlier in the morning, Morgan Grenfell, the bankers called in by F. Pratt when the share price started moving last month, issued a statement on behalf of the company. This attempted to explain the recent movements, but was not thought to have any connexion with the market raid later in the day.

It suggested that the share price movements may be due to approaches F. Pratt has re-ceived from parties who are in-terested in purchasing the group's subsidiary, Hamblin &

Mr David Hiller, Pratt's com-pany secretary, said last night that they had no knowledge of the raid at the time of the statement, nor who is behind the raid. He was unable to say whether it was possibly linked with the approaches for Hamblin.

Hunting Gibson wins struggle for control of Stag

battle for control of Stag Line, the North Shields shipping group, with an agreed 430p a share cash bid valuing Stag Line at £5.3m. The directors of Stag, together with their merchant bankers Keyser Ultmans have recommended the mann, have recommended the offer.

Directors and other share-holders holding 198,000 shares are accepting, and Ropner Holdings has undertaken to accept in respect of its 369,761 shares. Together with the 73,000 shares which it owns through a sub-sidiary Hunting Gibson now has 51.9 per cent of Stag. Hunting Gibson's latest offer,

which has finally won acceptance from the Stag board, is over one-fifth higher than its epening bid of 355p a share. This was subsequently topped by a rival bid from Turnbull Scott, the small United Kingdom shipping group, which offered 400p a share.

Turnbull Scott had estimated Turnbull Scott had estimated

Staz's net asset value at 410n a share, however in a letter to shareholders Stag said that the group's net asset value, after estimating for contingent taxation, was materially higher. recovered to profits of £214.00 before tax, on turnover up from £2.52m to £3.90m. the group's net asset value, after estimating for contingent

Hunting Gibson has won the Hunting Gibson opened the bid-attle for control of Stag Line, ding in mid-January, Stag Line's shares had risen from 205p to 255p on takeover speculation. Yesterday they eased back from an all-time high of 432p to 420p.

Hunting Gibson will be offering a loan note alternative to cash and the conditions attached to the hid include Hunting Gibson getting shareholders approval for the deal at an

extraordinary meeting. The Office of Fair Trading has said that there will not be reference to the Monopolie Commission.

Stag has four ships, three or which are deep sea dry cargo coasting vessel. Hunting Gibson is involved in ship owning and broking. It also has a stake in the oil industry through in associate Hunting Petroleum.

Halped by the unturn in dry cargo rates, Stag Line raturner to profit in the year to October 31 after two years of losses From losses of £535,000 i

Rank sees progress this year

By Our Financial Staff Mr Harry Smith, chairman of the Rank Organization, is confidently expecting an improvement in the group's trading profits this year, following the closure of loss-making interests. In the 1980 report and accounts he reveals provisions of £18.8m on the closure, since the October year-end, of Rank Toshiba and Rank Radio International alone, out of gross costs last year closure £24.9m.



Mr Harry Smith, chairman of

Rank Organisation.

Radio und television manufacturing operations lost £4.2m. last year, while film distribu-tion and production losses deepened from £1.56m to £3.05m.

The group has published current cost accounts which show a profit of £14m, down from £25.8m, against the historic cost profit of £37.2m—itself down down from from £43.8m. But after taking extraordinary closure costs into account, the CCA figures show a £4.3m loss, Mr Smith says. Rank is now being restruc-

tured, to form a smaller number of larger divisions. Meanwhile, cost-cuthing exerrises, and profit improvements from Australia and Rank City Wall, minus the drain of the closed businesses, are expected to lead to a better profit per-formance this year.

Borrowings have been further reduced, to £194.4m net of £10.6m cash, against £204.6m net of cash at the previous year-

Mr Smith's statement makes

Collapse in demand hits SAI

By Catherine Guan A change in farmers' buyin habits last autumn caused collapse in demand for fert lizer and feeds, reducing th profits of Scottish Agriculture Industries by 22 per cent t £4.45m for the year to Decen ber 31. The dividend has bee maintained at 21.17p gross. O a current cost basis profits fe to just £188.000.

Normally farmers stock u with fertilizers in the autum but last year the high cost t borrowing and righter margin on their own business led t destocking and delaying of pu chases. SAI is hoping that it he spring farmers will have the the spring, farmers will buy the autumn shopping lists.

What happens to this year volume and profits at SA depends on how soon the no mal buying pattern is re-ostal lished. Compensatory buyin this spring coupled with norm-autumn demand could mean good year for the company which is 62.4 per cent owne by ICL But a repeat of 1987s weak autumn demand would leave profits unchanged or

Fertilizers are SAT's leading market. Group sales came or at £92.1m, an increase of 3.6 per cent in sterling term-though down in volume. Nitrar which the group started t manufacture the previous ye provides about a quarter of fe tilizer sales and suffered th same weak demand as the res

for much the same reasons. SAI acts as agent for Il agrochemicals in Scotland at saw a decline in volume on the business too.

An extraordinary credit E691,000 reflects stock reli provided for the previous yes but now released. Mr Hem Fitzpatrick, the finance directo said that borrowings were litt altered from the previous yes end figure of E3.23m whi interest costs were abo £200,000 higher. Borrowin peak in December hut for pa of the year SAI has a net ca position.

Margins came under sura thanks to the volume drop. I trength of sterling offset pr Mr Smith's statement many it clear that the disposal of erials but prices were not range activities which fail to achieve enough to offset other concerns will again be a increases for fear of attractions. of the rising cost of raw m

Tribune lav (F H. Young (I) Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1,428. Profits are shown pretax and earnings are net. *Revenue after tax; †For 11 months; ‡Loss; ¶Adjusted for scrip issue.

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Scots Ag Inds (F)
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replies to government

Meekatharra

By Margareta Pagano Meekatharra Minerals, suspended on the Perth and London Stock Exchange on Wednesday, yesterday took the initiative with a letter to the South Australian Minister of Mining over a disputed 2,400m tons of coal reserves.

The row between Meekatharra

and the Australian Government is over coal production esti-mates in the Arckivinga Basin of South Australia and an inde-pendent survey team has been called in. Mr Don O'Callaghan. Meekatharra's chairman, in a letter to the Minister of Mines

and Energy, Mr Roger Goldsworthy, ssks whether the 2,400m tons reported should be "assumed" or "inferred".

Clearly, Mr O'Callaghan says, there is a difference of opinion as to the category into which the coal reserves should be placed. "Our consultants confirm the view that assumed reserves is the correct category. Suggestions that the reserves are 'inferred' are misleading."

A meeting is planned for February 18 between the Directoral and Meekatharra.

The shares, which are quoted on the London Stock Exchange,

were suspended at the com-pany's request at A\$7.50. M. J. H. Nightingale & Co. Limited

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9.5 Hanson sells 53 - 5.3 10.0 **— 15.1 7.0** 3.7 **— 15.0 21.4**

per cent stake in Central Manufacturing and Trading group to Caparo for 55p a share, 30p less than it paid for most of the

holding. Earlier this week, Caparo, after two months' deliberations, topped Hanson's 49p a share bid for CMT with a 55p a share offer which values the West Midlands conglomerate at £14.5m. This purchase from Hanson has increased Caparo's stake from 21.5 per cent to 34.8 per cent.

As Hanson's offer lapses today, Caparo's offer will now go unconditional when it obtains more than 50 per cent.

Business appointments

harmaceutical Industry.
Mr M. H. R. Thompson has

joined the board of Lloyds and

Mr Robert Plastow has been

made senior vice-president (bank-ing) at National Westminster

Mr Peter Cunliffe to head

Mr Peter Cunliffe, chairman of managing director of Petroson the pharmaceuticals division of Limited a London-based subsidiary Imperial Chemical Industries, has been elected as the next president of the Association of the British made managing director of

ing) at National Westminster
Bank's executive office North
America in New York.

Mr J. M. Magowan has recently
become chairman of CU Fire
Marine and General Insurance
Company.

Mr Terence P. Lyons, executive
director (personnei) of Williams
and Glyn's Bank, has been made
a member of the Manpower Services Compission.

Mr R. A. Webster, managing
director, EMI Film and Theatre
Corporation, and Mr B. Tesler,
managing director, London Weckend Television, have joined the
board of management of the
Services Kinema Corporation,

Mr Bruce H. Cross is the new Services Kinema Corporation.

pharmaceuticals body

US sales keep Thermal ahead Syndicate's insulating materials tion to profits before the

By Catherine Gunn
Falling demand for Thermal
Syndicate's products in the
United Kingdom last year was
partly offset by a substantial
increase in volume sales in
America. That enabled Thermal
Syndicate to push up its sales
from £12.6m to £15m in the
year to October 31, though profits rose only 1.74 per cent to
£1.4m. The 10p gross dividend
has been maintained. The
current year is proving more current year is proving more difficult.

Demand for consumer pro-ducts followed the British economy down sharply last April and hit sales of Thermal

down from £321,000 to £217,000

for the half-year to September 30.

Turnover rose from £7.93m to £8.37m. The board expects

to see a second-half year very comparable to the first-half's results. "I think many com-

panies would be very pleased if they could say the same," the

The interim dividend

being effectively maintained at 0.25p gross. Hampson cover engineering, manufacturing and industrial cleaning, etc.

Having achieved record results in 1979-80, Sidney C. Banks, Bedfordshire-based grain

merchants and seed specialists, is still advancing. On turnover up from £26.55m to £32.09m in the half-year to October 31,

1980, pretax profits rose from £569,000 to £693,000. In the 11-

month period to April 30, 1980, pretax profits reached a record

Raising the interim dividend

from 2.5p to 2.85p gross, the chairman, Mr J. P. U. Burr, feels confident that the full

year's results should exceed 1979-80.

Bigger interim from

Sidney C. Banks

which show

Hampson 'delighted'

despite fall in profits.

Although reporting lower half-time profits, West Bromwich-based Hampson Industries is not down hearted.

Year's result is in prospect.

The necessary steps to deal with both the short-term situation and its longer term effects

Mr John Wardle, the chairman, tells shareholders that he that the group will emerge in

is "delighted" with the results, good shape to meet the changed

and elements for kettles and cookers. But in America the drive to reduce oil-fired heating costs boosted demand for electric fires. This meant that Thermal Syndicate exported more parts than expected, in spite of the strong pound. Other American operations did well and higher stock

levels there reflected real expansion, Dr Gordon Herberingpansion, or Gordon Hendering-ton, group managing director-said yesterday. Higher borrow-ings reflect higher stocks and the acquisition of Refractory Welding & Fabrication Inc, which made a small contribu-

No funds remitted yet

for Dhami Holdings

As the talks over the alleged tax liabilities of Dhamai Tea in

Bangladesh have not yet been

resolved, it has not been possible for the board of Dhami Holdings to obtain a remittance

of any part of the company's funds in Bangladesh.

The board expects that total

the consolidated results

income for the year will be similar to that of 1979, and believes

Sabah Agricultural—

Malakoff Rubber, the

Malaysian plantation company, has agreed to sell 82 per cent

of its equity to the main share holders in Sabah Agricultural;

another plantation company.
The terms are one Sabah share
for 150 new Malakoff shares.
Malakoff will issue 1.95m new

shares to make the sale. Sabah's sole asset is 51 per

cent of Sabah Agricultural (Palm Oil).

Transport group up

Malakoff Rubber

will show a profit.

interest costs on its borrowed purchase price. Group borrowings rose from £136,030 to £767,000 and peaked in the early spring.

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dom recession have been felt since the year-end, and Thermal Syndicate is under intense pressure not to increase prices. Mr James Bywater, chairman, has warned that this will be a barder year, with the first half likely to be worst affected. Costs have already been cut where possible, and stringent economies introduced.

Robert Douglas profits steady in first half By Our Financial Staff

Robert M. Douglas Holdings, the engineering, building and contracting group, kept its profits in the first-balf at vir-tually the same level as last year and indicated the full year result would be comparable with 1930's £1.7m.

Prerax profits were £1.12m compared with last year's £1.15m while turnover rose from £47.4m to £52.8m in the six months to September 30. Trading profit rose from £2.56m to £2.62m but interest received, included in that figure, was down from £173,000

to £91.000.
'Mr John Douglas, chairman, said that the United Kingdom construction division had been belped by the settlement of certain accounts and an im-provement in profitability at site level. But the specialist contracting division had been less fortunate.

"The construction division will again benefit from a fur-ther contribution from Middle East operations in the second half ", he added.

The construction equipment and plant divisions also performed profitably and there was an increased contribution from mineral supply operations. The interim dividend has been maintained at 1.57p gross.

Mixed results from RTZ group many of a company with the property of the second and the inclusion of all t

By Michael Prest-Mining Correspondent Mixed fortunes last year have

Pretax profits of Transport Development of Australia rose been reported by members of the Rio Tinto-Zinc group. Con-zinc Rio Tinto Australia reslightly in the six months to December 31 to \$A1.21m December 31 to \$A1.21m (£605,000) from \$A1.19m on ported a 30 per cent increase in net earnings to A\$175m (£87.5m), while Palabora, the South African copper mine 39 per cent owned by RTZ, saw, profits fall by R1.6m to R43.7m turnover of \$A14.5m., against Earnings a share were unchanged at 8.8 cents and the interim dividend has been (£24.3m).

Both companies said that very

low metal prices could result in reduced profits and dividends this year. CRA paid a final dividend of 10 cents, making 19 cents for the year compared with 15 cents in 1979. Palabora's final was 25 cents, an increase of 10 cents, totalling 110 cents against 125.

International

Rio Tinto Mining (Zimbabwe) 56 per cent owned by RTZ, increased pretax profits to 257.77m (E5.18m) from Z55m. Poor results from the Empress and Perseverance mines were partly offset by Tinto Indus-tries, which made operating pro-fits of Z\$633,000, an increase of CRA's earnings a share grew

from 38 cents to 47.4 cents. A good part of the improvement came, however, from higher metal prices in 1980 and bigger earnings contributions from Hammersley, the iron ore mine,

Saint-Gobain optimistic

It said that the figure, which was contained in its three-year plan up to 1983, was not a firm forecast and could vary depend- the group to maintain and de-ing on changes within the group velop its position in world and monetary and economic markets, it said.

group, said its cousolidated steady this year and then imturnover could rise to 70,000m prove sharply with a similar francs (£6,000m) in 1983 at curtrend in profitability, which trend in profitability, which rent prices from 43,000m francs should rise to 25 per cent of capital investments in 1983, from a normal level of 20 per cent This rise would be needed for

Profitability at its Prench

The forecast includes sales of plants, apart from information it added.

Coke. Revenue from sales to ext

nal .customers rose by per cent. Nevertheless, t second half saw a contraction CRA's earnings, which the co pany says "is expected to ct tinue during the first half 1981 and possibly longer Palabora, which is a very

open pit producer of low gra copper, said that without substantial improvement short-term copper prices tl year's profits and divident would be lower. Palabora is l lieved to need about £1,000 tonne to earn the requirereturn. Present prices nearer £670 a tonno.

Record year for ITT International Telephone 3 Telegraph expects to rep. record sales and earnings 1980, Mr Rand V. Arask chairman, president and ch executive, said yesterday. ITT'S consolidated earnir for 1980 are expected to

about \$6.12 (52.63) per comm. equivalent share, a 130 per ci increase over 1979. The 15 results include a gain of cents per share on the sale Canadian interests, while 19 results included a one-tispecial charge of \$2.30 | share relating to the closedo of a pulp mill in Quebec. Mr Araskog said that wh 1981 operating performat was expected to be better th last year, improvement of the 1980 reported results wor be difficult to achieve.

ANOTHER RECORD YEAR Results for the year to 28th September

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Turnover'	30,834	+16%	26,501	
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and extraordinary item.	2.231	- 3%	2,300	
Earnings per share	37.60	- 3%	38.8p	
Dividends per share	8.5p	÷17%	7.3p	
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last year and good margins were obtained. The Group purchased the share capital of TH Burgess Holdings Limited in July 1980 and it is anticipated that it will make a useful

The outlook for the current year is less favourable, but the Group should emerge from the present industrial recession in good shape to progress in future years.

Copics of the Report and Accounts are available from the Secretars, Plaxton's (Scarborough) Lamited, Castle Works, Seamer Road, Scarborough YO12 4DQ

Briefly

Tribune Investment Trust: Pretax revenue for 1980, £1.45m (£1.27m). Total dividend, 3.85p (3.32p, in-

Total dividend, 3.85p (3.32p, including non-recurring payment). Drayton Commercial Investment: Pretax revenue for 1980, £3.41m (£1.78m). Total dividend, 10p gross (8.57p).
Lancashire & London Lovestment Trust: Pretax income for 1980, £175,000 (£141,000). Total payment, gross, 3.75p (3.14p). Tyzack: Company bas acquired William Cooper (Hand Tools), a Sheffield company carrying on business as manufacturers of high quality paint scrapers and decora-

business as manufacturers of high quality paint scrapers and decorators' tools.

Cardinal investment Trust: Pretax revenue for 1980, £1.16m (£1.05m); Total dividend, 6.42p gross (6.25p last time, including special of 0.47p).

William Ransom & Son: Tursover for half-year to September 30, 1980; £1.34m (£1.19m). Pretax profit, £158,000 (£230,000); Interim dividend, gross, raised from 2.03p to 2.14p.

to 2.14p.

River and Mercantile Trust: One-River and mercandle trust: One-for-one scrip issue proposed. Pre-tax revenue for 1980, £2.93m (2.49m). Total gross divident, 21.42p (13.37p last time, including special of 1.22p). Centrovincial Estates: Pretax revenue for half-year to September 30, 1980, £621,000 (£517,000). In

30, 1980, £621,000 (£517,000). Interim dividend, gross, raised from 1.42p to 1.9p. Group's net lacome from properties for the full year will show an increase of 10 per cent on 1973-80.
Guildhall Property: Gross income for half year to December 31, 1980 £552,000 (£572,000). Pretax profit £509,000 (£492,000). Board anticipate that the full-year's results will show an improvement. Interim 1.07p gross (1.07p). Board expect to make a small increase in the final.

expect to main the final. Second City Properties: Control Securities has acquired a further 25,000 ordinary shares increasing holding to 1.53m (10.51 per cent). holding to 1.53m (10.51 per cent).
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Following previously amended revaluation of properties, a surplus of £8.26m has been struck. This surplus amounts to about 67.5p per share (or 56.1p per share fully diluted).
River Plate and General Inv Tst:
Gross revenue for 1980 £1.49m (£1.35m). Net revenue £873.000 (£7.84.000). Eps 11.05p (9.91p).
Nav 298.12p (221.59p). Proposed 100 per cent scrip issue in deferred shares. Final dividend 15p (12.8p) gross.

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Hanson Trust has sold its 13.3

Serck expects poor first-half results The worldwide recession con-

tiques to affect all of Serck's major businesses, and in some sectors it has worsened in recent months, Mr R. G. Martin, the chairman, told the annual meeting. Demand for many of the group's traditional products has therefore remained very depressed, and a poor half-

made managing director of METCO Limited, following the naming of Mr J. G. B. Stiels as

European regional director for the international division of METCO.

Mr Peter Cooper has become an executive director of British Steam

The company said that the lower level of activity had continued into the second half

Losses loom as

William Cook

slashes dividend

Shares of steel founders, William Cook & Sons (Sheffield) dropped 3p to a new low of 10p yesterday as the group gave a warning of substantial losses this year and no final dividend. Last year Cook paid a gross 1p making a total of

1.857p. Mr Andrew McTurk Cook, chairman, said that since the half year to the end of September, there has been a forther deterioration in the state of trade and it would be unrealistic to entertain any hopes of a marked up-turn in the order book before the year end in March.

Cook's have halved the interim dividend to 0.423p, on profits which dropped 50 per cent to £146,000.

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C11-Honeywell Bull, in which systems, had improved after the removal of French price controls and improved productivity, but it remained below the in which it has a 30 per cent level in the rest of the group,

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The EEC Commission is due
to make its final review of
possible farm price rises today
and informed sources said it and informed sources said it will propose average increases of about 8 per cent. The EEC farm lobby has been pressing for almost double this amount. A prominent French member of the 39-strong Liberal Group, M Charles: Delatte, Said too much attention was being paid to the 70 per cent farm spending share of the EEC budget, and too little to the need to maintain farmers' incomes in the face of inflation. the face of inflation.

Mr Gaston Thorn, the president of the EEC Commission, has told the assembly that increased taxes on farmers producing surpluses would form an essential part of the Commis-sion's proposals for budget re-form, to be put forward by

The EEC's Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) guarantees community farmers minimum prices for their products. Community ministers and officials have attacked it consistently over the past year for swallow-ing too large a proportion of EEC funds and supporting surplus production.

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Discount market

In a situation where credit was hunning to surplus, the bank of England took excess liquidity out of the system yesterday by selling a moderate quantity of Treasury bills both to banks and house. In bills both to banks and nouse. In the afternoon, a swing on the Exchequer accounts directed money into the market, though the clear-ing banks seemed not very scrive. By the close, balances were answering to 123 per cost.

Foreign exchange report

Higher United States interest rates drove the dollar forward again on foreign exchange markets yesterday. The 2 per cept rise in United States retail sales last month sparked a fresh advance in Eurodollar rates, lifting the dollar to its highest levels for several years in terms of a number of Continental currencies.

However, the market was very thin in view of the New York holiday.

Sterling fared very much better than EMS currencies, but even so

THE TIMES FRIDAY FEBRUARY 13 1981

Sterling: Spot and Forward Market rates (day's range) Market rates (close) February 12 \$2.3140-3325 \$2.7750-7935 \$2.7750-7935 \$2.7750-7935 \$2.7750-7935 \$2.7750-7935 \$2.7750-7935 \$2.7750-7935 \$2.7750-7936 \$2.7750-7936 \$2.7750-7936 \$2.7750-7936 \$2.7750-7936 \$2.7750-7936 \$2.7750-7936 \$2.7750-7936 \$2.7750-7936 \$2.7750-7936 \$2.7750-7936 \$2.7750-7936 \$2.7750-7936 \$2.7750-7936 \$2.8450-845 \$2.8450-8452 \$2.7450-8452 \$2.7450-84 l month 0.60-0.70c disc 0.60-0.70c disc 0.60-0.70c disc 22-13-c prem 15-5c prem 15-5c prem 15-5c prem 16-15c prem 16-15c prem 16-15c prem 16-16c prem 16-16c prem 16-16c prem 18-20cro prem 18-20cro prem 18-20cro prem 18-25c prem 18-12cro prem 18-12cro prem 18-12cro prem 18-12cro prem 18-12cro prem



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Wall Street

New York, Feb 12.—5. Tocks on the New York Stock Exchange closed lower after declining slowly through most of the session. Declining issues outpaced advances by 961 to 463, with 136 issues unchanged. The Dow Jones industrial average slipped to 936.60 down 5.99. Volume slowed for the partial holiday session to 34,700,000 shares from Wednesday's 37,770,000. The NYSE composite index fell. 0.12 to 73.05; and the average price per share was down 19 cents.

The computer group continued to suffer from a business slow-dniwn. Volume feader Computer Sciences lost 12 to 161. It revised its second half prefit forecast lower.

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sciences lost 14 to 101. I revisation its second half profit forecast lower. Centronics Data lost three to 162. It reported a loss for its fiscal second quarter and first half. Data General was hard hit, dropping 55 to 463.

Computervision dropped 37 to 633. Honeywell 13 to 101. Active IBM 4 to 642 and Rolm 13 to 403. Prime Computer which fell sharply early this week after forecasting more pressure on its margins, eased 1 to 283. Sedico lost 11 to 332 despite improved fiscal first half ner. Hughes Tool fell 13 to 734 and Schlumberger 12 to 1012. Hillion Hotels cased 4 to 371. Active Scatrain lines lost 4 to 7 Texasgulf fell 22 to 521. Five Texasgulf executives, including its chairman and its treasurer, were killed in a plane crash last night.

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h 11, 1980, and the date of iffidavit.

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R. A. Gatebouse, QC, and M. Newman for Mr Bilton; S. A. Stamler, QC, and Mr Jones for Bekhors.

RD JUSTICE ACKNER said Bekhors, who carried on 12, 1979, a specially endorsed claiming £217,077, the balance oney which they alleged they lent from time to time to Mr as Bis stockbrokers. Mr n as his stockbrokers. Mr n delivered a defence and terclaim disputing the alleged It was accepted that the nce and counterclaim raised

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able points.

Ity last year Bekhors heard

Mr Bilton had sold his farm
they, successfully, made an
irte application for an injuncrestraining him from removfom the jurisdiction or other-disposing of any of his i, including in particular any ys in his bank account and proceeds of the sale of Lane Farm, Henley, so as Lane Farm, Henley, so as luce them below £250,000.
March 18 the matter was dinter partes. Mr Justice r Brown made an order ining Mr Bilton from removny of his assets from the iction or otherwise disposing am out of the jurisdiction.

Bitton swore an affidavit
g, among other things, that
arriage was not a happy one; he had been close friends a divorced lady; and that id decided to separate from ife and go to live with her ier daughter in Monte Carlo there start a new life. He

his assets within the jurisdiction were worth approximately £220,000: that they had fallen since that dan' by about £66,000, such money having been spent by him entirely within the jurisdiction on legal costs £7,452, accountancy fees £8,950, payments to his wife approximately £15,000, payments for the helicopter £25,000, and costs of his visits to England £6,900, 'He further stated that his commitments within the jurisdiction were likely to be substantial.

At a hearing on November 13, Mr Bilton's affidavit was criticized. It was said that it did not comain information with regard to his assets and habitities out of the jurisdiction. Mr Bilton swore an-other affidavit. other affidavit.

He dealt, for the first time, with the proceeds of the sale of Rocky Lane Farm. He said that the sale had been made in various lots and completion took place on three separate dates. The proceeds amounted to £532,500. Immediately after the first sale on March 3, a week before the Mareva injunction, he remitted £53,000 to a bank in Jersey. That, he said, was all he obtained from the sale of the farm because it was beavily mortgaged, part of the proceeds of sale was paid to his wife in satisfaction of her claim, and there were substantial

claim, and there were substantial farming and personal debts, but he gave no figures.

Understandably when the matter came before the judge on November 17 Mr Bilton was criticized. Apart from suppressing facts and evasive affidavits, the only obvious income-producing asset disclosed was £10,000, in Lowe Music which clearly were income. Music, which clearly was incapable of producing £25,000 a year or even the £15,000 a year which the court had permitted him to remove. All Mr Bilton's expenses were being met without any substantial income. Further, he had reduced the value of his assets within the jurisdiction by some £66.000, despite the terms of his undertaking to the court. On an ex parte application in

Prince Abdull bin Tirki al Sudairy v Abu-Taha [1980] 1 WLR
1265; that the jurisdiction applied
even if the defendant was not a
foreigner or foreign based, since
the essence of the jurisdiction was
the risk of the defendant removing
his assers from the jurisdiction
and so stuitiving aby judgment
given by the courts in the action.

Article 37 of the Supreme Court
Bill now before Parliatment provided for the reenactment of section 45(1) and further provided in
terms that the power of the court
to grant an interlocutory injunction restraining a party to any
proceedings from removing from
the jurisdiction of the High Court
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located within that jurisdiction,
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where that party was, as well as in where that party was, as well as in cases where he was not, domiciled, resident or present within that jurisdiction.

of the Mareva jurisdiction took place in A v C ([1980] 2 All ER 347). In that case Mr Justice Robert Goff held that there was ample suthority that in an action in which the plaintiff sought to trace property, which in equity belonged to him, the court not only had jurisdiction to grant an injunction restricting the disposal of that property but might in of that property but night in addition, at the interlocutory stages of the action, make orders designed to ascertain the whereabouts of that property. That part of the decision was approved by the Court of Appeal in Bankers Trust Co v Shapira [[1980] 1 WLR. 1274).

A further step in the evolution

On the question of the power to make an order for discovery of documents or for interrogatories of documents or for interrogatories in aid of Mareva injunctions Mr Justice Robert Goff concluded that the court should exercise, where necessary, its powers to order discovery or interrogatories in order to ensure that the Mareva jurisdiction was properly exercised and thereby to secure its objectives, which were the prevention of abuse.

Having regard to the authorities

given.

Mr Stamler, for Bekhors, submitted that the judge was seeking
to police the Mareva injunction
and that that order, therefore, was
made in aid of the Mareva injunction. His Lordship could not
accept that view. If Bekhors, or
the court of its own volition,
desired to police its order then
Bekhors could have applied for an
order for the cross-examination of
Mr Bilton on his affidavit, or the
court itself could have made such

court itself could have made such an order : Order 38, rule 2. There was another remedy open to Bekhors or the judge. The order of April 28 appeared to have been obtained without proper disclosure to the court of the true position of Mr Bilton's assets. Bekbors could have applied for

The colonel's arms

The Divisional Court dismissed an appeal by Colonel Brian Bur-ditt, a serving Army officer, against the dismissal by Warwick Crown Court of his appeal against the refusal by the Chief Constable of Warwickshire to renew a fire-arms certificate arms certificate. LORD JUSTICE DONALDSON

LORD JUSTICE DUNALDSUN said that renewal had been refused on the ground that as an officer serving in Germady with BAOR in 1979 Colonel Burditt, while otherwise a proper person to hold a certificate, was not resident in Warwickshire as required by section 26 of the Firearms Art, 1968, though he owned a house there; The Act required that an appli- residents.

Failure need not be wilful

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In a Direction the Senior Regisin the registry. proper reasonable maintenance for any child of the family. The revised jurisdiction does not require that the failure should be wilful.

Section 27 of the Matrimonial trar of the Family Division states Causes Act, 1973, as amended by that the Matrimonial Causes the Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts Act, 1978, now accordingly so as to provide; interprovides that either party to a alla, that the application may be marriage may apply to the court deal with by a registrar. In the for an order that the other party has failed to provide reasonable maintenance for the applicant or that falled to provide, or make accordingly so as to provide, inter

alia, that the application may be
deal with by a registrar. In the
Divorce Registry it will not be the
practice to allocate a hearing date
on the notice of the application
which will be served on the remonths application and between the parties have
that effect?

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Romsom & Luck Ltd v. Surbiton
Borough Council [[1949] Ch 1811,

Court of Appeal

been wrongly exercised.

The judge was dealing with very evasive litigant. The affidavits he had put before the court did not begin to make economic sense. Futhermore, the court had been misled as to his excidence and other matters. The residence and other matters. The judge was fully justified in taking the view that Mr Bilton's affi-davits as to his assets were so

judgment concurring with Lord Justice Ackner.

the withdrawal, and the judge of his own initiative could have withdrawn, from Mr Bilton the permission to remove any further modey from the jurisdiction unless and until he inside a full and proper disclosure of those matters and he hist lives a proper explanation of his conduct between the material dates.

While fully endorsing and approving the judge's desire to put at end to Mr Bilton's evasiveness and to establish to what extent, if at all, there had been noncompliance with his order, or breaches by Mr Bilton of his undertaking, his Lordship did not consider that the judge had the jurisdiction to achieve it by the order which he made. Having, regard to the existence of the temedies avallable to Bekhors to police the Mareva injunction it would be quite wrong to seek to create new machinery which could have far reaching and undesirable consequences and which were unnecessary for the proper operation of the Mareva jurisdiction.

LORD JUSTICE GREFFITHS, while agreeing on the existence of power to make an order for discovery under the Mareva jurisdiction but disagreeing on whether the order was properly made, said that the power to order a Mareva injunction was discretionary, and it followed that the power to order a mareva injunction for the injunction must also be discretionary. The Court of Appeal should only interfere with the exercise of the judge's discretion of satisfied that it had been wrongly exercised.

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Before Mr Justice Fox
Judgment delivered February 6]
A local authority, having reached an agreement under section 52 of the Town and Country Planting Act, 1971, involving demolition of the existing buildings and development of the site, could not, when they later extended the conservation area to include the site, seek to prevent the demolitidh without their consent, by exercising their powers under section 277A of the Act.

Mr Liohel Read, QC, and Mr Timothy Stuw for the plaintiffs, the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidfohead; Mr K. R. Bagnall, QC, and Mr Kirk Reynolds for the defendants, Brandrose Investment Ltd.

HVS LORDSHIP said the metrer arose out of proposels for development of symmethy of symmethy of symmethy of symmethy of symmethy.

davits as to his assets were so unsatisfactory that he was emitted to refuse to accept their contems at their face value and to order Mr Bilton to make a full disclosure of his financial position. The fact that alternative courses were open to the judge was not a reason why he should not order discovery if he considered that to be the more appropriate course. Lord justice Stephenson gave a judgment concurring with Lord

The appeal was allowed.
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Coward Chance.

cant "resides" in a police area.
Unlike other statutes which
required buly that a person be
"ordinarily" resident, the Act
meant that he must be physically
resident in the area. While a
person wight have two residences
at which he "resides" Colonel
Burditt could not be said so to
reside because he had let his home
to tenants and thus had no right
to occupy it himself. The cerifi-

to tenants and thus had no right to occupy it himself. The certificate was rightly refused.

The case perhaps indicated an unfortunate lacuna in the Act which particularly affected service personnel who let their homes while serving abroad, thus disqualifying themselves from the right to continue to hold firearms certificates as United Kingdom residents.

Conservation area extended, but

demolition goes on Windsor and Maidenhead Royal
Borbugh v Brandrose Investments Ltd
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Section 52 was very different of a statutory power being limited of the statutory power being limited.

ANS LORDSHIP said the metter arose out of proposels for development of property foward by Brandrose in Peascod Street, Windsor. The site adjoined land owned by the borough council, the local pletining authority. In 1976 an agreement was made between the parties under section 52, of the Town and Country Plaining Act, 1971, and planning permission was granted to Brandrose for development. In March, 1978, the council amended the boundaries of the conservation areas in Windsor, so as to include the Peascod Street site.

In general, if property was law-

the Peascod Street site.

In general, if property was lawfully designated to be within a conservation area, the planning authority's consent was required to demolish buildings thereon, under section 277A of the Act. Brandrose commenced demolition in 1979, and on July 2, on the council's ex parte application to restrain them from proceeding with the demolition without their consent, My Justice Foster granted an iddunction. On July 3, the consent, My justice roster granter, an idjunction. On July 3, the council issued a writ seeking a declaration that Brandrose were not entitled to demolish without their consent, a permanent injunction, and, by notice of motion, an interlocutory injunction until their consent.

On July 11 Mr Justice Walton refused the interiocutory injunction sought, and there was no appeal. No further steps having been taken, Brandrose applied to have the matter struck out, but in February, 1980, the council delivered a statement of claim seeking merely 4 declaration that Brandrose were not and/or had at no time since the land had seeding merely a declaration that Broodrose were not and/or had at no time since the land had been included in the conservation area been emited to demoish without their consent under section 277A. Two enforcement notices were withdrawn, and the secretary of state confirmed that no further steps would be taken. It was agreed that Brandrose's present summons to strike out should be treated as the trial of the action. It was common ground the action. It was common ground that the buildings were not of any historic or architectural interest, and all the buildings had in fact, been demolished. The only practical importance of the present proceeding, apart from the declaration

ceeding, apart from the declaration sought, was as to costs and possibly on the question of the implied undertaking as to damages given at the time the ex-parts injunction was granted. There were two questions for decision. (1) Could the council lawfully enter into an agreement under section 52 which would have the effect of disemilling them from requiring consent to the demolition, under section 277A? (2) If so, did the agreement between the parties have that effect?

As to (1), Mr Read referred to of the Town and Country Plan-ning Act, 1932, only enabled a landowner to enter into an agree-ment with the Jocal authority re-stricting the use of land, so that

Section 52 was very different rom section 34, which applied mly where a landowner was willonly where a landowner was will-ing to agree to conditions restrict ing to agree to conditions restricting planning development or use by the land. Section \$2 opened with a wide general authority to cotter into any agreement, with any person interested in the land for the purpose of restricting or regulating its development or use. The fundamental difference, however, was to be found in section \$2 (3), which had no counterpart in section 34, and by virtue of which nothing in section \$2 or in any agreement made under it should be construed "as restricting the exercise, in relation to land which is the subject of any such agreement, of any powers such agreement, of any powers exercisable by any minister or authority under this Act so long as those powers are exercised in accordance with the provisions of the development plan, or in accordance with any directions given which may have been given by the Secretary of State as to the provisions to be included in such

plan".

If that provision was intended to preserve the authority's right to express any of its nowers or discretions it could have stopped after the words! this Act", but the rest of the subsection seemed plainly intended to place a limitation upon the saving provision.

The only sensible constriction was that an exercise of the authority's powers would not be preserved, in conflict, with the agreement, except where such exercise was in accordance with

exercise was in accordance with the development plan or with a ministerial direction. The isnguage of the subsection was in-consistent with a general sav-ing of the authority's right to exercise powers contrary to the section 52 (3) contemplated fetters on the local authority's powers, and was not concerned merely with enabling it to en-

force the agreement In the present case there was no person on whom a statutury power was conferred could not simply fetter its future exercise: Southendon-Sea Corporation v Hodgson (Wickford) Ltd (1962) QB 416. 424). But there was nothing in principle to prevent the exercise of a statutory power being limited by a previous exercise of another statutory power? Dowth Boulton Paul Ltd. v Wolverhampton Corporation (1971] 1 WLR 204). Mr Justice Walton had reached the same conclusion in his Judgment on the motion holding that there was obviously an implied agreement by the council to the demonition. His Lordship agreed, as did Mr Read. Mr Read, however, argued that it did not follow that a promise by the council was to he a promise by the council was to be implied that it would not require their consent to be obtained to the demolition.

demolition.

That submission seemed quite ureal. The purpose of the section \$2 agreement was to regulate the development of the land. It must have been implied that the council, so far as they were cutilled, would do nothing to impede the demolition, which was the very thing they were authorizing. His Lordship's conclusion was therefore the same as Mr Justice Walton's, that, in view of section \$2(3), the council could not use any of their statutory powers to prevent demostatutory powers to prevent demo-lition, unless what they proposed was in accordance with the development plan-which did not

The extension of the conservaiton area was perfectly lawful, but
the council were not entitled to
apply the tonsequence of that
extension so as to prevent demolition of the buildings. There would
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Motoring

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Economy is the keyword for Volkswagen

Volkswagen has announced what amounts to the single most important initiative by a car manufacturer so far in the cause. of energy conservation, a range of economy models offering savings in fuel consumption of up to a third.

Designated Formula E (E for energy conscious), they will be available as additional versions of most cars in the Volkswagen and Audi range, apart from performance models such as the Scirocco, Audi Coupé and Audi 200.

Volkswagen says that the Formula E versions will be among the most economical cars in their class. The Golf diesel with Formula E becomes the most economical car in Europe with consumption figures of 47 mpg in town, 62.8 mpg at 56 mph and 42.8 mpg at 75 mph.

The 1100cc petrol Golf is 29 per cent more economical in town driving, 34 per cent at 56 mph and 28 per cent at 75 mph. The average fuel consumption gain of the Formula E versions is 25 per cent and in many cases performance times are comparable with standard models.

Formula E means different things in different cars but the ingredients include special aerodynamic aids, high ratio gearboxes, electronic ignition and a stop-start system which cuts out. the engine in traffic jams. For the Polo, Derby, Golf and Jetta there is a new high compression version of the 1100cc engine.

Of those, the stop-start system is the most interesting. Designed for traffic hold-ups, it allows the driver to cut the engine at the touch of a button on a steering column stalk. To restart, he depresses the clutch and touches the accelerator. An electronic control ensures that the system operates only when the vehicle is at a standstill and when the engine is warm.

The device is said to reduce fuel consumption in town by up to 30 per cent and to give a 10 per cent saving overall. Exhaust emissions in town are also reduced by the same amount. The stop-start system is fitted to the Formula E Passat, Audi 80 and Audi 100.

The smaller cars, the Polo. Derby, Golf and Jetta, have a special gearbox through which top speed is reached in third, while the fourth or E gear is a higher than usual ratio for economic cruising. The larger models have a five-speed box

which gives top speed in fourth.
All Formula E versions have an indicator to tell the driver when to change to a higher gear for maximum economy. The system is already used in some VW and Audi cars and can give savings of about 15 per cent. The E models also have a fuel

consumption gauge.



Eye-catching Escort-the XR3

the Formula E cars cost more. In Germany, where they are on sale, the price difference is £70 on the Polo and £120 on the Audi 100. My calculation is that the cars will pay for themselves in just over a year, given an annual milage of 8,000.

The Formula E versions are unlikely to reach Britain before the autumn and no decision has been taken on what models might be sold here. When they are, it will be interesting to see how customers decide between a lower selling price and the prospect of paying 25 per cent less at the petrol pumps.

Better fuel economy is also the keynote of the revised Austin Allegro range. The cars have, been fitted with the modified A Series engine, used in the Metro and the Ital, and that has helped to make the Allegro 1.3 more economical than rivals such as the new Escort, Vauxhall Astra, Golf, Fiat Strada and Renault 14.

sumption gauge. The extra power of the engine There had to be a catch, of (up from 54 to 63 bhp), and

course, and the bad news is that "higher gearing, has improved performance, with the 0 to 60 moh acceleration time cut from 17.9 to 15.7 seconds. The 998cc Metro engine has been introduced to the Allegro in place of the 1.1 litre, with some economy gains; the 1.5 and 1.7 units continue as before.

The Allegros also benefit from the sound deadening treatment applied to other BL models, while the odometer is a new sixdigit type which is said to be tamperproof and cannot be put back without damaging the mechanism-rogue car dealers, please

Finally, on the fuel economy theme, BP has produced a leafler giving useful hints on saving petrol. It is available, free, from BP filling stations.

Road test: Ford Escort XR3

When the new front-wheel drive Escort was announced,

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there was much interest in the model that would succeed the RS2000 as the sporting member of the family. Ford's answer was to take the three-door 1600, tune up the engine, fit fatter tyres and alloy wheels, deepen the front air dam and add a spoiler at the back and call the result the XR3.

Visually the impact of these changes and additions is considerable. While the RS2000 always looked like a bread and butter family saloon with knobs on, the XR3's accourrements enhance what is already a chunkily sporting shape. It is a car that turns heads and if appearances count it should enjoy a steady sale.

To power the XR3 Ford has

taken the new overhead camshaft engine in its 1596cc form, modified the camshaft and fitted a twin-choke carburettor. The effect is to increase output from 79 to 96 bhp and to provide excellent performance. I was able to confirm Ford's 0 to 60 mph acceleration figure of under nine seconds and a similar time for the arguably more important 30 to 50 mph acceleration in top gear. The engine also benefits from .. an automatic choke and electronic ignition.

Acceleration is not an entirely smooth progression since there is a slight hesitation as the carburettor's second choke is acti-vated and the car does not feel quite as brisk as the figures suggest. Nor is the engine exactly quiet and under the kind of hard driving that a car of that sort is likely to get it can sound harsh and boomy. At 70 mph, though, mechanical noise is tolerable and thanks to the car's

low drag factor, there is little on agood, if high-lipped boom wind noise.

Fuel consumption considering the health and h

Fuel consumption, considering the performance available, is most respectable. The official figures suggest a range of '28 mpg in town to 32 mpg cruising on the open road and I was able to better both of these without

trying too hard. There is the usual excellent Ford gearbox, with four speeds, sensible ratios and smooth changes, and the brakes are reassuringly effective. But partly because of the low profile tyres, the steering is heavy even when the car is on the move and while the small steering wheel may look the part in a sporting model, it does not help. The clutch is also heavy and can lead to involuntary stalling.

The all-independent suspension, which has been fitted with gas filled dampers and progressive rate rear springs, produces taut handling and the car corners neutrally and with little body-roll. Roadholding is generally good, but can be disconcerted by bumpy surfaces. As far as comfort goes, the

XR3 is unhappily no advance on

the ordinary Escort. The ride is not so much firm, which is to be expected from a car of sporting pretensions, but hard, choppy and even prone to wallow; sensirive stomachs should keep away. The suspension is noisy and there is noticeable tyre rumble. Special seats have been installed to match the character of the car. They are firm, well shaped and give good support atthe side. Leg room in the back seat is just about adequate,

although a tall person will find

his head brushing the roof. A

somewhat heavy tailgate opens

reservations), with low fuel o sumption as a bonus. But pop tial buyers should remember immortal words of Bette David All About Eve: "Fasten year belts, it's gonna be a bunk ride."

ing the back seat down.

The car offers good all-rous

and is particularly effective

expensive model in the re-Escort range. The level of st

dard equipment is not of

generous and the car stands

falls on its performance (ext

lent), handling (good but w

demisting the windscreen.
At £5,395, the XR3 is the in

visibility, the big tailgate spoil acting as a useful reference point when reversing, but heavy steering makes parking chore. The heating and venution system is easy to operation

Motorway madness

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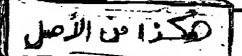
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hryn Pogson who appears in tonight's Playhouse film s at the Beach, by Malcolm Mowbray (BBC 2, 9.30).

enight's edition of In the Country (BBC 2, 7.55) being last in the present series, it is entirely appropriate that the plar contributors are given their head. Or rather their heart, is, they take us to their special places. Angela Rippon's is

Dartmoor's fringe, where she lives. Phil Drabble's is a
ate country estate in Staffordshire; Joe Henson's is his
n in the Cotswolds; Gordon Beningfield's is in the Home
nties; Bernard Price's is the South Downs of Sussex.
rn of In the Country, Friday nights on BBC 2 are going to be
est entirely urban in atmosphere. A brisk walk round the
lien will help to fill the gap. s, they take us to their special places. Angela Rippon's is

tewart Granger, who is revealing himself to be a much more seful character away from the camera than he ever was in t of it, has written an autobiography that sounds ntionally sensational, and in the interviews he has been ng all this week on radio and television, his questioners got land truly hooked when they rose to his juicy bait. I fully ect, however, that when the discerning Mavis Nicholson rviews Mr Granger on Afternoon Plus (ITV, 2.00), she will duct matters in her way and not his. She has an excellent

trust you are not missing more of the Chaplin films 3BC 2 than is absolutely necessary. There are another two reciers tonight (5.35), Laughing Gas and The Rounders they belong to the comedian's Keystone days, which means the comedy routines he incorporated into the two movies wrote and directed both of them) were new-minted—and still manage to look fresh. It is an astonishing fact that, has his year at the Keystone Studios. Chaplin made 35 films. ing his year at the Keystone Studios, Chaplin made 35 films.

f you would like me to plot your evening's listening, is the pattern I recommend. Begin at 7.30, Radio 3, with a Williams guitar recital (Mudarra, Sanz and Alberta). ing the 20-minute interval, at 8.10, switch over to Radio 4 earn what happened when Robert Rowe, between cups of tea, tted with Barbara Cartland and found her in St Valentine's mood. Back to Radio 3 at 8,30 for John Williams playing ac by Barrios-Mangore. You will need that five minute break .10 before settling down to the master broadcaster tair Cook and his Letter From America (Radio 4, 9.15). By (Radio 3, 10.25), listen to the movie-going reminiscences mine Kael, possibly America's most influential film critic, is one of the brightest gems in the crown of The New Yorker

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TELEVISION

9.05 am For Schools, Colleges: Germany; 9.25 Athlete (long jump); 9.52 Miss Wood in Dan-ger; 10.15 Marbs: at the sea-side; 10.35 Going to Work; 11.02 Hyn o Fyd (this world). 11.25 You and Me: Take My Hand (4). 11.40 For Schools, Colleges: Liv-ing in the Soil: 12.05 pm Six-teen Up: Drugs. Closedown at

12.45 News. 1.69 Pebble Mill at One: Today's items include Peter Seabrook's gardening feature, Dig This. 1.45 How Do You Do? Counting games and rhymes. With Carmen Munroe.

2.02 For Schools, Colleges: Documentary on friendship (with Liverpool schoolchildren). 2.35 A Good Job with Prospects, Closedown at 3.00. down at 3.00.

3.20 Eira Ddoe (snows of yester-year). For Welsh viewers. 3.55
Play School: Ronda and David Armitage's story The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch. 4.20 Touche Turile: cartoon. Kat napped. 4.25 Jackanory: Sheila Hancock concludes her readings from Eleanor Farjeon's The Little Bookroom 4.40 Finders Keepers: New series begins. Children's quiz, compered by Richard Stilgoz. Includes a game of electronic battle-

11.00 am Play School. Same as BBC 1, 3.55 (The Lighthouse

Keeper's Lunch): Close down at

5.35 pm Chartie Chaplin: The Rounders, and Laughing Gas. A double-bill. In the first, Chartie's partner is Fatty Arbuckle. In the second, there is chaos at a dental surgery.* (See Personal Choice.)

6.00 Monkey: Japanese-made series set in Old China, with English dubbed dialogue that fits where it touches—which isn't by any means everywhere.

6.45 Speak for Yourself: The

series for those whose first lan-guage is not English. Tonight: unpunctuality at work, and what to do about it. There is a mini-

play to illustrate the theme.
7.10 News: with sub-titles for the

THAMES

BBC 2

ships with a difference. 5.05 Kent has influenced his life Grange Hill: school serial work (r).

Episode 14. William Watson's terrifying short cut home. 5.35 Huw Wheldon's series at the control of the Kent has influenced his life and work (r).

10.50 Royal Heritage: Part 6 of Huw Wheldon's series about Britain's royal builders and collectors: Tomight: the debt we owe to George IV. Includes visits to the Brighton Pavilion and Windsor Castle.

11.50 Ballroom Champions: Couples compete for the Professional Modern and Amateur Latin American trites in the United Kingdom Ballroom Champions ships. With Ray Moore, Peggy Spencer. Ends at 12.35 am. territying short cut home. 5.35
The Perishers: with Leonard
Rossiter (r).
5.40 News: with Jan Leeming.
5.55 Regional magazines. And, at
6.20, Nationwide. Alan Titchmarsh presents his gardening
item, and Desmond Lynam presents the sports round-up.
7.00 The Superstars: From Eilat,
southern Israel. This is the international coutest. Britain's hopes
are planed on Keith Fielding, the
Rugby League and Union international, and Andy Ripley, the
Rugby Union player.
3.00 The Walls of Jericho: Serial
about women's struggle to win a
place in the medical profession
in the last century. Tonight:
Sophia Jex-Blake (Sara Kestelman) suffers a blow to her pride
while taking her medical degree
exams. 8.50 Points of View:
Barry Took comments on viewers'
letters about BBC Ty programmes. The Perishers: with Leonard Regions ·

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9.00 News: with Peter Woods.

9.25 Starsky and Hutch: Hutch falls for a Russian ballerina under police protection. Starsky is on the trail of the terrorists who are threatening to kill her (r).

10.15 Peter Skellern: The autobiography of the singer/composer continues. Tomight: how living in

people put on a show at the BBC's Manchester studios. With Rob Rohrer, Jackie Spreckley and Rob Rohrer, Jackie Spreckley and Paula Yates.
7.55 In the Country: Winter Reflectious. The regular team of contributors—Angela Rippon, Phil Drabble, Joe Henson, Gordon Beningfield and Bernard Price—take us to their special place in the country. (See Personal Choice.)
8.25 A Party is Arranged: A

Choice.)

8.25 A Party is Arranged: A Newsweek investigation into the prospects for the Council for Social Democracy. Roy Hattersley, David Steel and members of the so-called Gang of Three are interviewed.

new series of this entertaining game for poker-faced contestants. Frank Muir, Sue Cook and Bryan Forbes compete against Arthur Marshall, Nanette Newman and Paul Eddington. The guerler, hard of hearing.

Paul Eddington. The questionpatter is Robert Robinson.

made for TV, about a magazine publisher (Richard Long) whose birthday gift is a lovely girl (Karen Valentine). 4.15 Watch It! Another story of

Dr Snuggles, the inventor; 4.20 The Adventures of Black Beauty: Why the children don't take to Dr Phelps (r); 4.45 Animals in Ac-tion: All kinds of hunters, includ-ing man. With Keith Shackleton; 5.15 Clapperboard: Film clips programme, presented by Chris Kelly. Today: pop stars turned film actors. film actors. min actors, 5.45 News; 6.00 Thames News; 6.30 Thames Sport. What is in store for the weekend.

London Weekend

THAMES

9.30 am For Schools. Botanic Man
(with David Bellamy); 9.58 Cities;
Milton Keynes; 10.15 French programme: fashious; 10.38 The
theory of evolution: 11.02
Bananas; 11.14 Lenny the Lion;
11.26 Maths for the very young;
11.43 For the deaf.
12.00 The Magic Ball: Eric
Thompson tells the story, written
by Gerald Hagan; 12.10 pm Once
Upon a Time: Mark Wyuter tells
the story of The Golden Touch,
12.30 A Better Read: The theme
of Bill Grundy's book programme
is historical stories. He talks to
Lynn Guest, Jean Stubbs and
Diane Pearson (r).
1.00 News; 1.20 Thames news;
1.30 Together: The continuing
story of the folk who live in a
block of flats.
2.00 After Noon Plus: Stewart
Granger is interviewed by Mavis
Nicholson on the occasion of the
publication of his autobiography.
(See Personal Choice).
2.45 Füm: The Girl Who Came
Gift Wrapped (1974) Comedy, 7.00 pm Family Fortunes: The contestants in this quiz game have to get as near as they can to what the man in the street thinks. With the man in the Eob Monkhouse.
7.30 Vegas: A dublous clinic is investigated during a murder

9.30 Flayhouse: Days at the Beach. Malcolm Mowbray's film is set in 1920, by the seaside; where soldiers are guarding mine washed ashore: There's mine washed ashore. There's dancing every night at the Hote Majestic near by. And, along the coast, there's a hospitable woman. With Sam Kelly, Stephen Bill, Mark Aspitall. 11.00 Newsnight : All the day's news, with detailed coverage of

the main stories. Includes David Lomax's report on the drug pedlars of Goa. 11.45 Friday Night . . . Saturday Morning: Simon Hoggart is to

night's MC. His guests include New Zealand opera singer the New Zealand opera singer Kirl Te Kanawa, Barry Took, Kenneth Williams, Malcolm Brad-bury who wrote The History Man, and Dr Keith Stoll, a specialist in matters sexual and matrimonial. Ends at 12:40 am.

8.30 The Gaffer: A temporary sec-retary is engaged at the light-engineering works run by Bill Maynard. The comedy series 9.00 Second Chance: Romantic dramas about a divorced couple (Susannah York, Ralph Bates) and their teemaged children, Tonight:

the couple strike up new friend-ships. 10.00 News from ITN : 10.30 Benson: Comedy series about a black butier (Robert Guillaume) at a governor's residence. Tonight, he is told to report to the US Army. 11.00 The London Programme: Lead Poisoning London? The latest evidence about the level of lead in London's dust which is causing the Greater London Council much concern. One of the biggest fears is that it can cause brain damage to young children. 11.35 Mannix: A warning from a clairvoyant that a young girl is in danger. With Mike Connors as the private detective. 12.30 am Close.

RADIO

Interlude. 11.00-12.00 Study on 4: Kontakte (16); Allez France 1 (15).

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6.00 am News Briefing.
6.10 Farming Today.
6.30 Today.
7.00, 8.00-News.
7.30, 8.30 Headlines.
8.35 Yesterday in Parliament.
9.00 News.
9.05 Desert Island Discs.;
9.45 Feedback.
10.00 News.
10.02 International Assignment.
10.30 Daily Service. Radio 3 RACHO 3
6.55 am Weather.
7.00 News.
7.05 Records: Zeienka, Schubert,
Hindemith, Haydn (Sym 17).†
8.00 News.
8.05 Records: Cimarosa, Scarlatti,
Saim-Saëns, Poulenc, Dukas.†
9.00 News.
9.05 Week's Composer: Wolf.
9.45 Wind trios: Fasch, Vivaldi.†
10.16 BBC Concert Orth/Keeffe
Saim-Saëns, Gounod, Dyorak.† Daily Service.
Story: The New Arrival, by
my Burgess.

11.00 News. 11.05 A Life Kept Always Young. Natural Selection. Natural News.
News.
pm You and Yours.
My Music †
Weather
The World at One.
The Archers.
News. 1.00 The World at One.
1.40 The Archers.
2.00 News.
2.02 Woman's Hour.
3.00 News.
3.02 Play: Uncle's Dream, by Fyodor Dostoevsky.† 1.05 Weigh-In.

.55 News

4.15 Poetry Up To Now (5): 4.45 The Towers of Trebizond (8). 5.00 PM. 4.45 The Towers of 5.00 PM. 5.55 Weather. 6.00 News. 6.30 Going Places. The Archers. Pick of the Week. 8.10 Profile.
8.30 Any Questions?
9.15 Letter from America.
9.30 Kaleidoscope.
10.00 The World Tonight.
10.35 Week Ending.
11.00 The Harpole Report (5).
11.15 Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
11.45 BBC Sound Archives.
11.45 BBC News.

9.05 am Schools: Contact: Music Interlude; Country Dancing Stage II (4); Notice Board (2); Music Workshop. 10.30-10.45 Listen With Mother. 11.00-12.00 Schools: Exploring Society: Listening and Writing (4) : Prospect. 2.00 pm-3.00 Schools : Let's Join

12.15 am-12.23 Shipping forecast.

In ; Religious Education ; Music

10.10 BBC Concert Orch/Keeffe: Saint-Saens, Gounod, Dvorak† 11.10 Cello, piano: D. Gabriell, Faure. Tchaikovsky, Glière.† 12.05 pm English Concert/Pinnock, pt 1: Handel, Bach, J.-M. Leclair.† 1.00 News. 1.05 EC, pt 2: Bach, Handel.† 1.40 Clarinet wios: Beethoven (op 11), Frankel.† 2.25 Cricket: West Indies y England.

Mainly for Pleasure †
Play ir Again : preview †
Quartet (Gabriell) : Haydn (op 74 no 3).†
7.30 Quitar (J. Williams—live from Birmingham), pt 1: Mudarra.
Sanz, Albeniz.†
8.10 Humbert Wolfe: reading.
8.30 Guitar, pt 2: Barrios—Mansoré.† Mangoré †
9.18 One Pair of Ears : review.
9.25 Music in Our Time : BBCSO/.
Knussen : Perle (Short Sym),
Knussen (1st UK perfs).† 10.25 Conversation: She Found it at the Mavies.
11.00 News.
11.15-11.30 Cricket.

VHF 2.25 pm Piano: Liszt.†
3.15 BBC Scottist: SO/T. Kerz:
Fauré, Kalinnikov (Sym 2).†
4.20-4.55 BBC Singers/Portman: 4.20-4.55 BBC Sangers recomm.
Britten.†
11.15-12.15 am Open University:
The First Years of Life-Baby
Talk: Why Self-Sufficiency?;
Briefing and Training for PartTime Staff—Telephone Teaching.

Radio 2 Kadio 2
5.00 am News, weather. 5.03 Bob
Kilbey. † 32 Terry Wogan. † 10.03
Jimmy Young. † 12.03 pm David
Hamitton. † 2.03 Ed Stewart. † 4.03
Much More Music. † 6.03 John
Dunn. † 8.03 Barn Dance. † 8.45
Friday Night is Music Night. † 10.02
Castle's on the Air. 10.30 The
Organist Entertains. 11.02 Brian
Matthew. 2.02 am-5.00 You and the
Night and the Music. †

Radio 1

RAUIO A S. Radio 2. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.00 Andy Peebles. 12.30 pm Newsbeat. 12.45 Paul Burnett. 2.32 Dave Lee Travis. 4.32 Steve Wright. 5.30 Newsbeat. 5.45 Roundrable. 7.31 Anne Nightingale. 10.02 Friday Rock Show.† 12.00 Close. VHF RADIOS I AND 2: 5.00 am With Radio 2: 10.00 pm With Radio 1: 12.00-5.00 am With Radio

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REGIONAL TV As London except: 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 2.45-4.15 Film: Doberman Gang. 5.00 Scotland: Today. 6.25 Soorts Extra. 6.45-7.00 Rear Here. 7.30-8.30 Thinsummylis. 10.30 Ways and Mexon. 11.00 Lale Call. 11.05-12.30 am Film: Bliss of Mrs. Blosson (Shirley Mac. Laine, Richard Allenborough). Grampian

Southern As London except: 1.20 pm-1.30 News, 2.00 Houseparty, 2.25-4.15 Film: King's Pirate (Dong McCiure), 5.15-5.45 Mr and Mrs. 8.00 Day by Day. 6.00 Scene South Bast, 8.30-7.00 Out of Town, 7.30-8.30 Grarile's Angela. 19.35 Silwee Neede, 11.08 Senson, 11.25 Film: Man to Kill (Vladimir Popovici, 1.35 and Weather followed by Recovery of Heakh.

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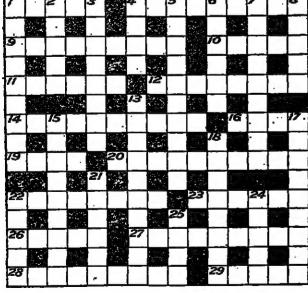
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ACROSS 1 Her mother-in-law Ruth does not name (5). 4 Such a capital name for a 4 Such a capital name for a champion of popular government (9).

9 White as these mountain snows? (9).

10 What Hosea found in this male preserve (5).

11 Lattices concealed the Italian convict among trees (10).

12 Food for Taurus? (4-5). 10 What Hosea found in this male preserve (5).

11 Reacting to fright, fishfashion (6).

12 Cup money collected by a Hussite (8).

14 Most irrational function of hemlock perhaps (6, 4).

15 Old soldier's weapon (4).

16 Old soldier's weapon (4).

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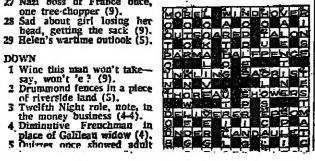
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25 Zulu man honoured, a genius (5).
27 Nazi boss of France once, 27 Nazi boss or France ouce, one tree-chopper (9). 28 Sad about girl losing her bead, getting the sack (9). 29 Helen's wartime outlook (5).

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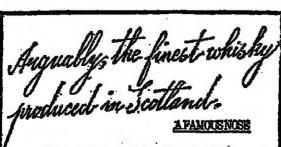
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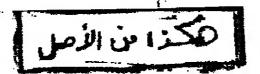
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